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Shares plummet on TASE

'There is a major confidence crisis on the market'

NEIL COHEN and GALIT LIPKIS

SHARES on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange registered some of their sharpest falls in recent history yesterday after Sunday's technical bounce.

The Two-Sided Index of leading shares plunged 5.73% to 172.3 points, the level obtained two years ago, while the narrow Maof index sank 5.68%. The Karam index of smaller shares fell by 4.4% to 178.09. This more moderate fall was an indication of a a certain amount of selectivity, as more than 150 Karam issues were listed sellers only.

The market's mood was grim and one capital market analyst said: "There is a major confidence crisis on the market. The public's nervousness is further heightened by the market's extreme volatility. When the market goes up 4% one day and down 6% the next, it's time to get out. My guess is that we haven't seen the end of it."

Trading opened with excess supply of NIS 200 million and excess demand of only NIS 25 million. Turnover was low as the big players – the provident funds – stayed on the sidelines and only portfolio managers and speculators were active.

Mutual funds entered the fray in the afternoon, but brought the market little cheer, selling more and more as the day wore on and they were faced with redemptions of tens of millions of shekels. Later, when no demand materialized, the mood worsened and prices progressively deteriorated.

During the afternoon the provident funds, particularly those of Bank Leumi and Bank Hapoalim, began to buy stocks and turnover rose – but their intervention failed to stem the market's slide.

One of the surprising phenomena yesterday was the weakness in some of the market's largest stocks, generally perceived to be the most solid. The fact that buyers were nowhere to be found even when these shares had fallen 10% contributed to the panic.

United Mizrahi Bank was reported to be a big seller of shares traded on the Maof. Koor fell by 6.7%, Bezek and Discount Investments by 6%. First International 1, Israel Chemicals and Poalim Investments all plummeted 10%.

Traders failed to come up with any new explanations for the market's behavior and the banks refused to comment. The latter denied reports that the banks are forcing customers to liquidate positions taken with borrowed money.

Shlomo Meir, a broker for the Central Securities Corp. said: "No one expected the market to behave in this way, but many people are pressured for credit. The public's demand for credit was reflected in the very large mutual fund redemptions. The previous day's gains encouraged investors to get out of the market. Some of the banks' branch managers have pressured customers to sell their investments in order to repay bank loans."

However, a Bank Hapoalim spokesman responded: "They [brokers] are looking for a reason to explain the fall, but this is not the reason."

Both the Treasury and Bank of Israel refused to comment on the market's crash and a Treasury spokesman refused to respond when asked whether the Treasury saw the plunge as a vote of no-confidence in the government's economic policies.

Jose Rosenfeld also contributed to this report.

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Raynor Roberts of Florence, Montana, pauses at the grave of his brother, Jack, at the American Military Cemetery above Omaha Beach yesterday. Jack was killed during the D-Day landing on the Normandy beaches. (AP)

Aging vets revisit D-Day beaches

OMAHA BEACH (AP) – From as far as California and New Zealand, the gray-haired men who risked their lives and lost their pals while making history 50 years ago came back yesterday for one more look at the once-bloody beaches of D-Day.

They were praised by presidents and monarchs, entertained by marching bands. But many came for a last private pilgrimage, not for the fanfare.

"I came back to deliver thanks and a small prayer from many, many people back home," said Bill Pepe, 73, a retired engineer from Hampstead, North Carolina, who landed at the peak of the fighting at Omaha Beach.

"I thought I owed it not only to the people I fought with, but to everybody lying in those small graves up there," he said, gesturing to the US cemetery on a bluff above the beach.

Bill Clinton, the first US president born after World War II, movingly evoked the invaders' heroism in a speech to veterans at the cemetery where 9,386 of their comrades are buried.

"They secured a foothold for freedom," he said. "Today many of them are here among us. They may walk with a little less spring in their step, and their ranks are growing thinner. But let us never forget when they were young, these men saved the world."

On a damp, windy day much like June 6, 1944, Clinton, Queen Elizabeth II and other leaders of the Allied nations presided solemnly at a series of ceremonies along the Normandy coast.

The climax was a multinational commemoration at Omaha Beach, site of D-Day's bloodiest combat.

"I thank you for the world's freedom," French President Francois Mitterrand said. "What we won that day on the Normandy beaches was our freedom today."

Earlier, Mitterrand joined Clinton to place wreaths at a monument to US soldiers at Utah Beach, then went to a British cemetery at Bayeux with Queen Elizabeth.

"The Europe which we know today could not exist had not the tide of war been turned here in Normandy 50 years ago," Queen Elizabeth said.

Throughout the region, there was fog, mist and light rain, the kind of weather the Allies encountered on June 6, 1944. The queen donned a biege rain cape; veterans huddled against the chill in hats and windbreakers.

"All gave some, some gave all," read matching white windbreakers worn by Edwin Pound, 78, a former P-47 Thunderbolt pilot from Ocoee, Florida, and other members of the 9th Air Force, 404th fighter group.

Younger members of the audiences were impressed, including French children who fanned through the grandstands getting veterans' autographs in their programs.

"To actually stand here is beyond belief," said Staff Sgt. Edmund Sealey, 25, of Cleveland, Tenn., a current soldier in the US Army's 82nd Airborne Division, which played a key role in the invasion. "To see the actual veterans... to actually shake their hands, it was a kind of passing of the torch."

About 100,000 people attended the ceremonies to mark the half century since 156,000 Allied soldiers crossed the English Channel aboard the largest armada in history and breached Hitler's Atlantic Wall.

The landing, which left 10,000 Allied soldiers dead or wounded, gained a foothold that allowed millions of soldiers to pour into France and help defeat Nazi Germany 11 months later.

How does it affect me?

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

NEIL COHEN

I don't own any stocks or mutual funds. How does the stock market crash affect me?

If you have a pension plan or provident fund *(kupat gemel)* investment, or a *keren hishtalmut*, these will all almost certainly have some shares in the savings they have invested for you. The proportion of shares they hold will vary according to the plan or fund's charter and investment approach. However, the fall in the value of your investment will likely be much less dramatic than that of the TASE and may be cushioned by previously accumulated profits.

I own stocks/mutual funds. Should I sell?

If you think the market will recover, and the money you have invested is money you can afford to risk and are unlikely to need it in a hurry, *and* you have the nerves to ride out some more volatility, then it is probably best to hang on. Investing should be a long-term proposition, and few people are smart enough to call the top of the market, or the bottom.

Should I buy now?

As above, you need to be able to afford the risk, not need the money in a hurry and have the nerves. Unless you have a real gambling streak, one cautious approach is to invest a portion of the total you want to invest each time the market falls by a certain predetermined amount. Then, if the market falls further, your average buying-in price falls with it. You will have bought a little too high, but as I said above, few people can time the market perfectly.

Where's the safest place to put my money?

As the market falls, the banks are rushing out with other products with which to compete for savers' money. Hence rates on deposits are rising. CPI and dollar-linked deposits are paying pretty attractive rates right now.

A vicious cycle

ANALYSIS

NEIL COHEN

YESTERDAY'S plunge on the TASE shows signs of becoming a vicious cycle. As the market falls, all but the long-term players – the provident funds – are frightened into cashing out.

Small investors panic as they see the value of their holdings slashed. And it seems likely the banks are leaning on customers to pay back the loans to buy stocks they were so eager to advance them. The further the market falls the thinner the margin – where it still remains – between the size of the loan and the value of the securities it used to buy.

The crisis of confidence seems sufficiently deep that the provident funds are reluctant to commit substantial funds to prop up the market, for fear that it will continue to slide and they will wind up with egg on their faces. Better to play it safe and achieve disappointing returns than to stick their necks out and run the risk of having to report really terrible results.

And on a more real level, a lower stock market will dent company liquidity and profitability, since so many companies have invested surplus cash in the stock market. Lower profits will further hurt the market. Moreover, much of the recent buoyant consumption has been financed out of investor's sizeable stock market gains. The market's fall will inevitably impact on purchases of big-ticket items, again hurting company profitability and already slowing economic growth.

Wherever the market goes from here – and it may recover, though only slowly – the great five-and-a-half-year bull market is decidedly over, and many investors will think twice before they rush to hand over their money the next time around.

Peres letter in October '93 encouraged Palestinian institutions in capital

DAVID MAKOVSKY and DAN IZENBERG

FOREIGN Minister Shimon Peres pledged last fall to preserve all Palestinian institutions in eastern Jerusalem, saying their work was "essential" and should be "encouraged."

Last night, Peres's bureau issued the letter that he wrote to the late Norwegian Foreign Minister Johan Jorgen Holst at PLO chairman Yasser Arafat's insistence.

Officials in the Prime Minister's Office confirm that the Peres letter dated October 11, 1993, was written with the premier's authorization.

The letter constitutes a considerable embarrassment for the government, since its spokesmen have for weeks denied Arafat's assertion that he has a letter from Israel on Jerusalem. To minimize their credibility problem, government officials are saying the letter was addressed to Holst instead of Arafat.

Furthermore, nowhere in the letter does it indicate that establishment of future Palestinian institutions in eastern Jerusalem needs Israeli authorization. To the contrary, the letter states, "we will not hamper their activity; on the contrary, the fulfillment of this important mission is to be encouraged." The letter goes beyond the wording of Peres's Knesset speech of last September on preserving Moslem and Christian holy sites and ethnic institutions in the city.

Peres aides insist that the foreign minister was primarily referring to social welfare offices taking care of Palestinian needs, and not political bodies such as Orient House. At the same time, these aides noted that Orient House was established while the Likud was in power in 1991.

Both these aides and officials in the Prime Minister's Office say that Palestinians will require Israeli authorization to create any future institutions in eastern Jerusalem. Just last month, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin recently convened an interministerial committee on Jerusalem, and called for limiting Palestinian institutions in the city.

Speaking to the Labor Knesset faction yesterday, Peres said the letter saved the Oslo talks from collapse, but was sent to Holst after the signing of the Israel-PLO Declaration of Principles and was not part of the agreement. Peres told the Labor faction that on the night before the initialing of the agreement in Oslo, the negotiations between Israel and the PLO were on the verge of collapse, because the Palestinians refused to have their autonomy institutions located in Jericho instead of Jerusalem.

"We stood firm on this," a source who attended the closed faction meeting quoted Peres as saying. "The talks were about to collapse. We did not conceal anything from them and we agreed that those institutions already located in Jerusalem would remain."

The timing of the date on the letter – October 11 – is interesting. Just a couple of days earlier, Rabin held his first working session with Arafat in Cairo, leading to speculation that Arafat complained he had not yet received assurances on Palestinian institutions in Jerusalem.

In response to the release of the letter, Likud MK Benny Begin issued a blistering attack on the government. "The letter severely impairs Israel's sovereignty over its capital," he said, terming the government "stupid." Begin demanded disclosures of other possible governmental letters.

Some 120 Palestinian religious, political, and community leaders who met yesterday at Orient House authorized Faisal Husseini to deal with issues related to Jerusalem and the question of how they will be addressed in future negotiations with Israel.

The participants called for recognition of the right of freedom of movement and of expression for all Palestinians in eastern Jerusalem, which they said is part of the Palestinian territory captured by Israel in 1967.

Text of Peres's letter

Jerusalem, October 11, 1993

Dear Minister Holst,

I wish to confirm that the palestinian (sic) institutions of East Jerusalem and the interests and well-being of the palestinians (sic) of East Jerusalem are of great importance and will be preserved.

Therefore, all the palestinian (sic) institutions of East Jerusalem, including the economic, social, educational, and cultural, and the hold Christian and Moslem places, are performing an essential task for the palestinian (sic) population.

Needless to say, we will not hamper their activity; on the contrary, the fulfillment of this important mission is to be encouraged.

Sincerely,
Shimon Peres
Foreign Minister of Israel

Pollard was traitor who spied for money, says Aspin

STEVE RODAN

FORMER US defense secretary Les Aspin last night called Jonathan Pollard "a traitor to his country" who spied for Israel solely for money.

Appearing at Hebrew University, Aspin said: "I think Jonathan Pollard was a traitor to his country. I think he deserved the sentence that he got. He didn't do it for Israel. It did it solely for cash. He later made up the notion that he did it for Israel. He is not a hero."

Aspin, who left office this year, recommended that Pollard serve his full life sentence, saying he had passed on classified information from his jail cell. Pollard was convicted for spying for Israel and has so far served eight years.

On another issue, Aspin said the deployment of US troops on the Golan would be a strain on the American military. He said the current proposal to deploy a brigade would, under current Pentagon guidelines, involve preparing a division for the task. This would constitute one tenth of American forces. "That's getting to be significant," he said. "It's not like the Sinai, which was trivial."

But Aspin said the US would consider military deployment if it is essential to Syrian-Israeli peace. He added that the current administration is realizing that Washington will have to provide large amounts of aid to Damascus to convince it to sign an agreement with Israel.

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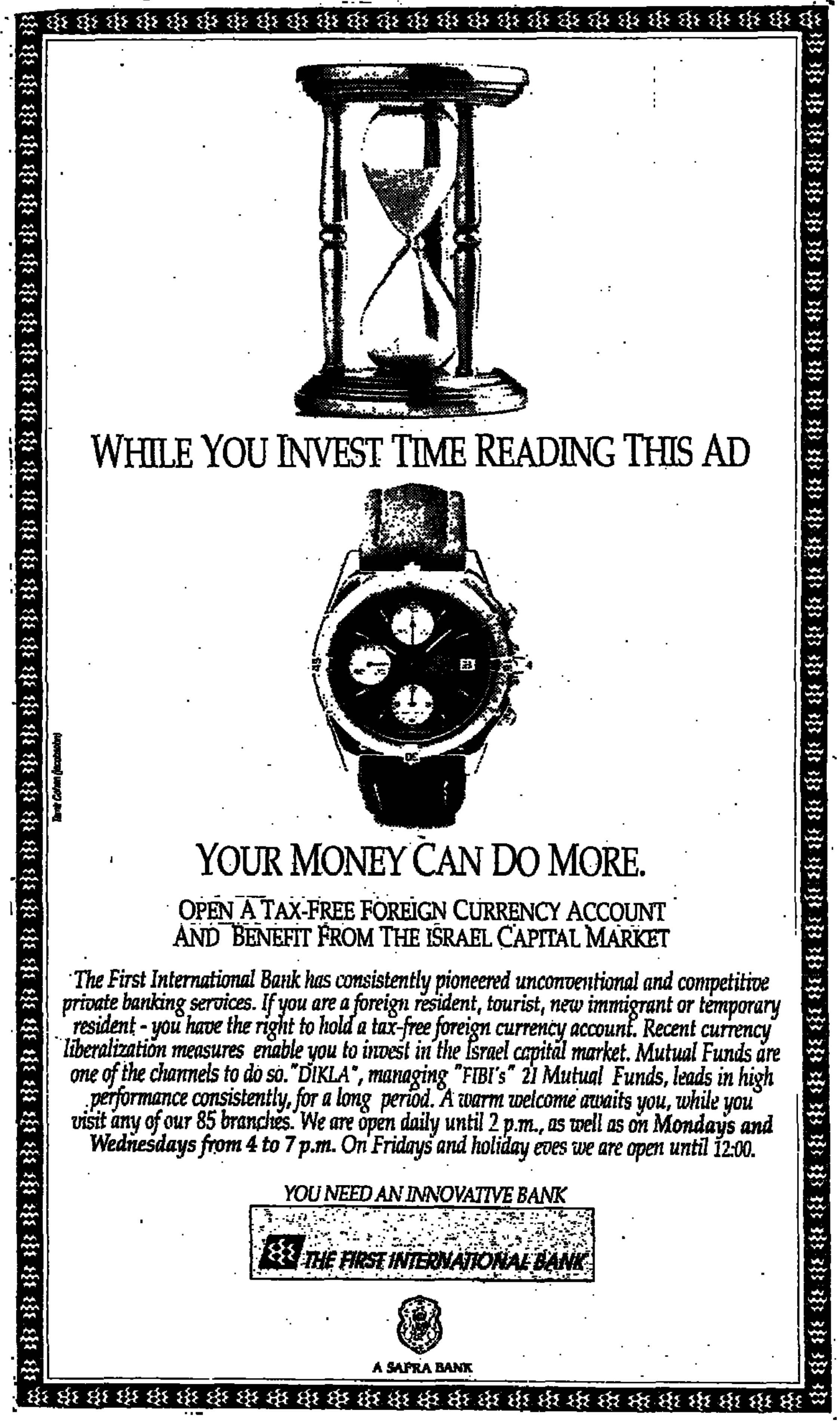

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Peres puts Rome issue on hold

DAVID MAKOVSKY
and news agencies

FOREIGN Minister Shimon Peres has postponed a Foreign Ministry meeting on reformulating the government's policy towards Rome, until after he meets his Italian counterpart Antonio Martino in Luxemborg next week.

"The whole issue is on hold until after the Peres-Martino meeting next week," a Foreign Ministry spokesman said yesterday.

Senior Foreign Ministry officials said privately that the ministry meeting had planned to address such measures as temporarily recalling Israel's ambassador or suspending high-level visits. Peres aides, however, denied such measures were under consideration.

Peres sought yesterday to quiet the debate within the ministry on how to deal with the new Italian government, which includes five neo-fascist ministers.

Peres aides hinted yesterday that they were not pleased with Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin's statements calling for a more aggressive stance in dealing with the new Italian government.

Peres told reporters yesterday that Israel would not "jump to conclusions" about the new government until he had met Martino.

"Let me say that between Italy and Israel there was a very warm and very friendly relationship and I hope it will be the case in the future. I do not believe that...Italian policy concerning Israel is going to deteriorate," Peres said.

Italian diplomatic sources in Rome suggested to Reuters that the Martino-Peres meeting would put Italian-Israeli relations on a less confrontational footing.

"We expect only a positive outcome from that meeting," an Italian diplomatic source said. "We would like to consider [Beilin's remarks] as something that does not reflect the view of the entire Israeli government," the source said.

Beilin told Army Radio earlier this week that Israel had refused to congratulate Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi on his appointment last month because of the presence in his cabinet of five ministers from the neo-fascist-led National Alliance.

The alliance's core party, the Italian Social Movement (MSI), traces its roots to Benito Mussolini, and provides three of the five National Alliance ministers in the Berlusconi coalition.

"Their election and participation in the government is certainly something very problematic in our view," Beilin said.

Beilin also said that Israel had declined to send a cultural delegation to Italy next month.

Beilin's statements followed published remarks by MSI leader Gianfranco Fini that fascism was not "negative as a whole" until Mussolini introduced antisemitic race laws in 1938.

Fini on Monday said Beilin's criticisms were "tilting at windmills" and not worthy of a response.

Martino, a member of Berlusconi's Forza Italia (Go Italy) party, has been on a diplomatic offensive in Europe and the United States to allay international concern over the National Alliance, which Fini says is a Gaullist-style movement. Martino told American Jewish leaders two weeks ago that the new government would be the most pro-Israel in Italian history.

Last month, Italy asked Argentina for the extradition of former SS captain Eric Priebke. Priebke is accused of participating in the 1944 massacre of 355 Italian civilians, including 70 Jews.

Berlusconi reaffirmed his country's intention to insist upon extradition in a Rome meeting with officials of the Los Angeles-based Simon Weisenthal Center last week.

UNIFIL denounces Hizbullah for attacks

DAVID RUDGE

THE UNIFIL command yesterday strongly condemned Hizbullah for its involvement in a chain of attacks against UN positions and soldiers over the weekend, in which two members of the Fijian contingent were killed and three others wounded.

UNIFIL has also asked the Lebanese Army to help apprehend the attackers.

The Jerusalem Post learned that the Lebanese army was also assisting in communicating to the extremist Shi'ite organization UNIFIL's "total denunciation" of Hizbullah's behavior in connection with the attacks which occurred last Friday.

UNIFIL spokesman Timur Goksel said that originally in the clashes with Hizbullah gunmen one Fijian soldier was killed and three others were woumded, one of them seriously.

He said the badly wounded soldier had subsequently died of his wounds in the Nahariya government hospital where he was transferred after receiving emergency treatment at UNIFIL's own hospital at the force's Nakoura headquarters.

Goksel noted that seriously wounded soldiers were normally transferred to Haifa's Rambam Hospital which has an established record in treating severe trauma cases and the necessary equipment to do so.

"We contacted Rambam on Friday, but were told that the hospital was full and they couldn't accept the wounded soldier for treatment. We have had fantastic support from Rambam over the years which UNIFIL deeply appreciates, but on this occasion, for some reason, they couldn't help," said Goksel.

Dr. Zvi Ben-Ishai, deputy director of Rambam, said they had learned the wounded soldier required a bed in an intensive care unit, but on that occasion there were no vacancies.

"If an IDF soldier had required similar treatment on the same day we would have acted in the same way because regretfully we had no beds vacant in any of our intensive care units," said Ben-Ishai.

"Rambam serves as UNIFIL's base hospital and we are happy to continue to do so but, unfortunately, on this specific occasion we were unable to help," he added.

The incident in which the Fijian soldier was seriously wounded and another of his comrades moderately hurt occurred around 2 a.m. Friday, when Hizbullah gunmen opened fire on the UNIFIL troops as they were starting a routine night patrol near Klaileh village east of Tyre. The troops returned fire, killing one of the attackers.

Later, apparently in retaliation for the death of one of their men, Hizbullah gunmen attacked three UN positions in the same region with RPG and machine gun fire, wounding another Fijian soldier. In another attack on Friday night, Hizbullah gunmen opened fire from a passing vehicle at a UNIFIL checkpoint, killing a Fijian soldier and moderately wounding another member of the contingent.

Six-year-old Stephanie Carter of London, who suffers from a disease that causes premature aging in children, last week realized her dream of seeing the Holy Land before she dies, thanks to El Al and St. George Cathedral staff. Carter made her request by phone to an English charity, and when El Al officials heard of it, they and the cathedral staff arranged for her and her grandmother, Kim Eastwood (left), to spend a week here, visiting holy sites in Bethlehem and Jerusalem. Stephanie and her grandmother returned to England Sunday with memories, pictures, and gifts to help her remember a very special trip.

NEWSLINE

with PROF. MARINA SOLODKIN

Solodkin, formerly of Moscow University, is a professor at the Mayorick Center for Russian, Eurasian and Eastern European Studies at the Hebrew University and is active in the Zionist Forum.

Half a million new immigrants have arrived from the former Soviet Union since 1989. How do the immigrants feel about this?

We have mixed feelings. Of course there is happiness, but there could have been one million this year. Did you notice how little attention the event has been given in the Israeli media? The Israeli public is tired of receiving immigrants – from all parts of the world. Israel wants to be a normal western-type country. I see in it some signs of the decay of Zionism. Zionism may be turning into consumerism. There is no sector that is really making an effort to absorb us.

But the first-rate academics have surely been well absorbed?

It's very difficult to get into the aristocratic club of the university establishment. Even in [Leonid] Brezhnev's time, we managed to establish ourselves in Russian universities. This is the second time we are fighting. It's even more difficult in the public sector – government, schools – where you come up against the closed world of *'keviut'* (tenure). But in the private sector, the gifted and educated can prove themselves. They work hard, despite the myths Israelis have about the immigrants.

Can you describe some of these "myths?"

The religious sector sees us as non-religious and therefore cannot relate to us. For the Ashkenazim, we are a new *eda*, the 'poor relatives,' with whom they have lost the link. They underestimate the level and scope of Soviet science and culture.

The Oriental communities react to us like the Ashkenazim related to them in the Fifties. They're ready to give us back a blow now. For the right-wing parties, we're not nationally motivated enough. The left-wing are interested in a democratic state and give us no special attention because they treat Jews, Arabs and Druse alike.

Is there no ray of hope?

There are the volunteers, like Keren Klita-Yerushalayim, and lots of ordinary Israelis who have volunteered on a personal basis to absorb the immigrants. But they are helpless and impotent in the face of the general feeling.

The government said it was giving aliya priority...

If the public doesn't put pressure on the government, they won't give it priority. We are a small country without resources, and must not liquidate the intellectual potential of immigration.

Batsheva Tsur

IDF: Not enough Israeli police in territories

ALON PINKAS

THE number of Israeli policemen patrolling the territories is insufficient, and the burden of law enforcement falls on the army which is ill-equipped to carry out these missions, a senior army source said yesterday.

The source emphasized that after the beginning of the implementation of the Oslo accords, a decision was made to create a new police command, "but it is taking too long and until enough policemen are actually deployed in the territories, the army is carrying the burden."

The army has for some time been expressing concern that the time and level of training is being compromised, and that entire combat units stationed or deployed in the areas are not training regularly because of police tasks they are requested to perform.

"Preventing or fighting terrorism is certainly our job, but patrolling highways and escorting settlers in and out of their homes is hardly the army's raison d'etre. That is why we have police," said the senior source.

Another army source said while these arguments "are valid, especially coming from a field commander," the Police Ministry is doing its utmost to complete organizational preparations for the establishment of the command, which will be responsible for all Jewish residents living in the areas.

CORRECTION

The producers of Peter Gabriel's WOMAD (World of Music Arts and Dance) Mideast tour have announced that Lou Reed will perform at both the Taba (June 18) and Tel Aviv (June 19) concerts.

Winning cards

In yesterday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the ace of spades, jack of hearts, nine of diamonds and queen of clubs.

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The funeral will be held today, Tuesday, June 7, 1994,
at 2 p.m. at Savyon Cemetery.

Shiva at the Cohen family residence, Mevo'ot 84, Savyon.

Shas and Meretz talk, but fail to reach agreement

SARAH HONIG

AN attempt to reach an agreement between Shas and Meretz, which would facilitate Shas's return to the coalition, fell through last night and both sides report no progress whatsoever.

The formal pretext for Shas's failure thus far to act on its undertaking to re-join the coalition is a phrase inserted in the basic law bill by Meretz MK Dedi Zucker repeating the declaration of independence commitment to the freedom of religion. This has angered Shas, which now demands the basic law include a commitment to maintain the status quo on religious affairs.

This was not rejected out of hand by Meretz, which was willing to negotiate some sort of a formula that would appease Shas. Relations between the two parties improved markedly after both joined Ramon's Histadrut bloc.

However, both sides yesterday failed to find the legalistic formulation on the status quo which could survive a court challenge. The status quo, stressed the Meretz side, is not a legally binding term.

Shas is said to have other reasons for avoiding a return to the coalition now, most notably inner division over who would get which portfolio and opposition among hawkish Shas voters.

Jerusalem braces for Satmar visit

HERB KEINON

A NUMBER of streets will be closed in the capital this evening as tens of thousands of people are expected to greet Satmar Rebbe Moshe Teitelbaum, as he begins his first visit to Israel in 11 years.

Jerusalem Police spokesman Shmuel Ben-Ruby said the following streets will be closed from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.: Sarei Yisrael, Malchei Yisrael, Mea Shearim, Strauss, Yehezkel and smaller streets nearby.

Ben-Ruby said the Eda Haredit has worked closely with police in coordinating the visit.

Teitelbaum, known for his fervently anti-Zionist, anti-state ideology, is scheduled to address his well-wishers at Shabbat Square in Mea Shearim at about 6 p.m. He is scheduled to be in the country for two weeks, one week in Jerusalem and the other in Bnei Brak.

Peres: More autonomy, or intifada resumes

DAN IZENBERG

FOREIGN Minister Shimon Peres warned that the intifada would resume unless the government agrees to extend autonomy to the rest of Judea and Samaria in stage two of the autonomy agreement.

During a Labor Knesset faction meeting, Peres clashed with several MKs over whether to proceed with stage two of autonomy, as set out in the Israel-PLO Declaration of Principles.

The faction agreed to meet in two weeks to discuss the issue at length.

"It is better to apply some of the autonomy on [all of] the territory than all of the autonomy on some of the territory," a faction spokesman who attended the closed meeting quoted Peres as telling the MKs."

Hamas considers political opposition

LAMIA LAHOUD

FOR the first time since the signing of the Israel-PLO agreement, Hamas leaders are openly saying they are considering entering the political process.

Sheikh Jamil Hammameh, a Jerusalem Islamic figure with links to Hamas, said the organization is examining all options and will soon determine which political strategy will serve its interest best.

In Jordan last week, Hamas spokesman Ibrahim Ghoshe was more specific, saying Hamas may form a political opposition party. Hammameh thinks it is a good idea.

"Every democratic society has opposition parties," he said. A Jerusalem Fatah leader believes that once Hamas decides to form a political party, it will also participate in general elections for the autonomy council.

"We have information that Hamas is trying to operate politically. They will not join the autonomous council quite yet, but they are preparing themselves for the elections," said the Fatah leader. He believes Hamas will have both a political party and an armed movement. "And the party will control the actions of the movement, the way Fatah is doing," he said.

Hamas is ready to participate in local elections to municipalities, chambers of commerce, or student councils, he said. At this point, he said, Hamas cannot participate in the authority, because the gap between it and the PLO leadership is too wide.

"We are not just disagreeing with certain terms of the agreement, we are asking the PLO to cancel the agreement altogether," he said.

Hamas leaders are no longer opposed to having members join the Palestinian Police. However, a police force which only serves the authority and protects the autonomy agreement is not acceptable to Hamas, said Hammameh. So far, he added, the police have acted well.

D-Day today for one UTJ Knesset seat

SARAH HONIG

AGUDAT Yisrael's Council of Tora Sages is due to convene this afternoon to decide which of the party's MKs – Avraham Shapira or Menachem Porush – will vacate his Knesset seat on June 21.

The Sages are likely to cast lots to decide the thorny question, which arises from a rotation agreement made on the eve of the 1992 elections.

The agreement was born out of Aguda's decision to form an electoral bloc – United Tora Judaism – with Degel Hatora and Poalei Aguda. The agreement stipulated that should less than five MKs be elected on the UTJ ticket, two Aguda MKs would resign after two years to make way for Degel and Poalei Aguda candidates on the list.

When only four UTJ MKs were elected, it was clear that the number three on the UTJ list, Aguda's MK Shmuel Halpert, would resign in favor of Degel's Moshe Gafni. Poalei Aguda's Avraham Verdiger would enter the Knesset upon the resignation of either Shapira or Porush. But neither Shapira nor Porush wants to be the one to step down.

Shapira says he is number-one on the UTJ list and represents Aguda's largest faction – the Gur hassidim. Porush argues that he is Aguda's most veteran and active MK.

Gaza police ban public political statements without a permit

JON IMMANUEL

GAZA police yesterday banned the reading of political statements in public places, including mosques, without a police permit.

Gaza sources said the decision was made public by the northern Gaza command. It was apparently prompted by a hostile leaflet against security chief Gen. Nasser Yusef which was read in mosques last weekend, but could include anti-Israel statements as well.

Relations between Hamas and the police chief have been deteriorating since the murder of two alleged collaborators two weeks ago.

In an attempt to mend damaged relations with the police, a semi-official leaflet by some unidentified Hamas leaders said its armed wing, Izzadin Kassam, would briefly stop killing collaborators to let the police deal with them.

In response Yusef issued his own statement calling Izzadin Kassam "killers" and "gangs" and said he would spare no effort to catch them. He called the alleged collaborators "our people" and made clear that the police were not going after them but after their attackers.

That statement stung Hamas which thought it had been reasonable. It replied with another of its own on Saturday calling Yusef "a protector of collaborators" and broadcast it in mosques in Gaza.

Israel has warned the police to take charge of the situation in Gaza before Hamas fills the vacuum.

Yusef, as head of the security forces, is also the superior of Jibril Rajoub and Mohammed Dahlan who head the "preventive security apparatus."

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Namir's main goal: Lower jobless rate

THE main aim of the Labor and Social Affairs Ministry is to reduce unemployment, Labor and Social Affairs Minister Ora Namir told the Knesset yesterday in an annual report on the ministry's activities.

The ministry is therefore doing its best to exploit the employment potential of all job-seekers, while offering short-term make-work solutions, such as programs initiated with the Jewish National Fund and Antiquities Authority.

Ministry efforts to replace the tens of thousands of workers from the areas have met with mixed results. Between 20,000 and 25,000 Israelis began working in the building trades, which constituted a major success, Namir said. Ministry programs to train Israelis in construction attracted over 4,400 workers.

There had been considerably less success in attracting Israelis to work in agriculture, however. While some 3,500 workers had taken farm jobs, nearly 3,000 others had refused them, despite losing unemployment benefits as a result.

Namir said it was clear the efforts the government had made to improve infrastructure and to encourage investment would result in the creation of many jobs in the long term. (Itim)

IDF night-vision system adapted for surgery

JUDY SIEGEL

ADAPTING technology used for night vision in the Israel Defense Forces, Israelis have developed a thermal-imaging camera that – hung a meter above the patient – confirms proper flow through coronary bypass grafts inside the heart.

The system, said to be the first of its kind in the world, was invented by Opgal Medical in Karmiel, and developed and tested in conjunction with the cardiothoracic surgery department at Jerusalem's Hadassah-University Hospital, Ein Kerem.

Called IVA (intraoperative vascular angiography) 2000, it includes a videocassette recorder that can play back the entire operation.

Until now, said Prof. Gideon Merin, head of cardiothoracic surgery, a surgeon could use only his experience and intuition to know whether blood flow through a graft was normal.

Some 4,000 bypass operations are carried out in Israel each year to circumvent clogged coronary arteries with veins or arteries taken from the patient's leg.

The IDF-Rafael camera had to be adapted to pick up small variations of temperature – less than one degree Centigrade – while remaining close to the patient, but without touching him or using any dangerous x-rays or even ultrasound, explained Dr. Menahem Zucker, who developed the system for Opgal-Medical.

Reporters donned surgical gowns, caps and masks yesterday to watch open-heart surgery performed on a 50-year-old man, carried out using the thermal imaging camera.

After connecting one end of a piece of leg vein inside the heart, Merin injected saline (salt) solution that is just two or three degrees colder than the rest of the body.

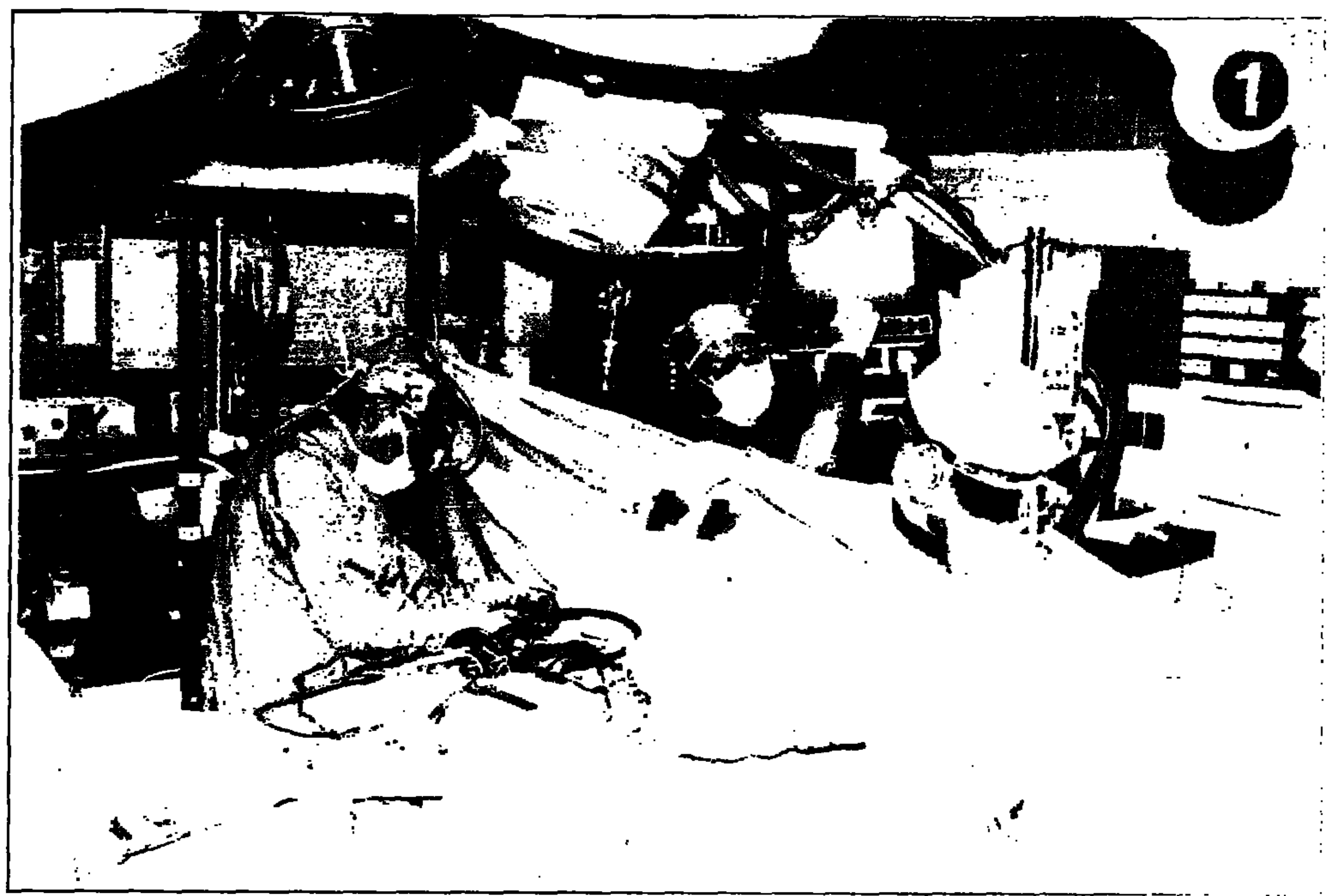
The solution showed up in black on the screen opposite Merin's head; he could see that it flowed perfectly through the vessel and then attached the other end.

Zucker, an electrical engineer, said the system has been used to perform 200 bypass grafts in Israel; it has also begun testing in the US and is on the way to Italy, Spain and England.

He expects that every cardiothoracic surgery unit in Israel will purchase at least one and that it will become standard equipment around the world in three or four years.

The existing model costs $200,000, but the price is expected to drop as demand increases.

The patented system, Zucker added, took two years to develop and will be applicable in other types of surgery, such as that involving peripheral blood vessels in the neck, arms and legs, and even in gynecological operations.



Doctors at Hadassah-University Hospital, Ein Kerem, yesterda, demonstrate a new device that confirms whether blood is flowing properly to the heart following cardiac bypass surgery. (Isaac Harari)

Unemployment rate of immigrants at 14%

JOSE ROSENFELD

IMMIGRANT unemployment was nearly double the national average at 14 percent during the first quarter of the year, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported yesterday.

Immigrants registered significantly higher participation rates in the work force than natives. While 55% of work-age immigrants participated in the work force, only 53.4% of the general work-age population did so.

Men's participation rates totaled 65% compared to 63.2% for the general population, while women's rates reached 47% compared to 43.2%.

The bureau also reported that the longer immigrants live here, the higher their participation rates. Only 48% of work-age immigrants that arrived last year participated in the work force, while 54% of those that preceded them by a year were working. About 56% of those who immigrated in 1991 and 59% of 1990 immigrants were working.

Male unemployment reached 9% in the first quarter, while female unemployment totaled 20%.

By comparison, male unemployment in the general population reached 6.3% and unemployment among women was 10.9%.

The longer the immigrants stay in the country the lower their unemployment rate. While 21% of those who emigrated last year were unemployed, only 12% of those that arrived in 1990 were unemployed.

Immigrants made up 10% of the employed work force, while they constituted 20% of the jobless.

During the first quarter, 23% of immigrants worked in scientific, academic or other free professions, 29% were employed as skilled workers, 25% as service workers and 10% as unskilled workers.

A third of working immigrants were employed in industry, 20% in public and community services, 14% in trade, food and hotel services, 11% in personal services and 7% in construction.

Public urged to wash fruit, vegetables

JUDY SIEGEL

VEGETABLES and fruits grown close to the ground near sewage water, as is common in the territories, are a source of microbes that cause gastrointestinal diseases.

The Health Ministry advised the public yesterday to wash all fruits and vegetables with soap and water, especially in the summer, and especially those that may come from the territories.

The degree of danger depends on the type of irrigation. Produce grown with overhead dripping is least dangerous to health. Fruits and vegetables grown with open channels of water are more likely to be affected by sewage and are the most dangerous. Lettuce, cabbage, tomatoes, cucumbers, carrots and parsley are more susceptible than fruits that grow on trees, the ministry said.

The pathogens usually do not penetrate the fruit or vegetable unless there is a cut, says Dr. Brian Coussin, head of the ministry's food services division. Thus washing produce with whole skins removes these bacteria and other pathogens. Keeping them refrigerated prevents the growth of pathogens that may have remained after washing.

Ministry grants NIS 750,000 to expand Kiryat Shmona airstrip

DAVID RUDGE

KIRYAT Shmona's small airstrip for light planes is to be expanded and improved with the aid of a NIS 750,000 grant from the Transport Ministry, the municipality spokesman announced yesterday.

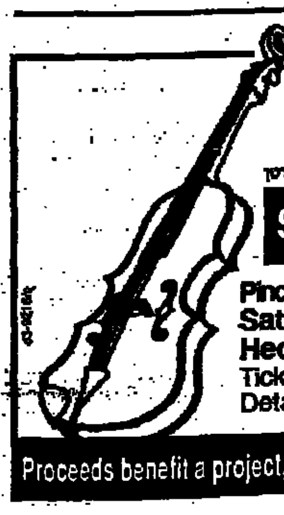
He said the money would be used to extend the existing runway and construct a second strip, as well as a modern terminal and shops.

The announcement was made by Hillel Rozensky, coordinator of projects for the Transport Ministry, in a meeting with Mayor Prosper Azran and city hall officials.

Arkia has been running flights from Kiryat Shmona to Tel Aviv for two years but services have been limited by the poor facilities.

Azran said development of the airport had been delayed for 10 years because of "rescue" archeological excavations at the site and bureaucratic wrangles, but now the project would be able to go ahead as originally planned.

He stressed that the municipality itself would be responsible for the running and management of the airport, which would help keep costs of flights and services to reasonable levels.



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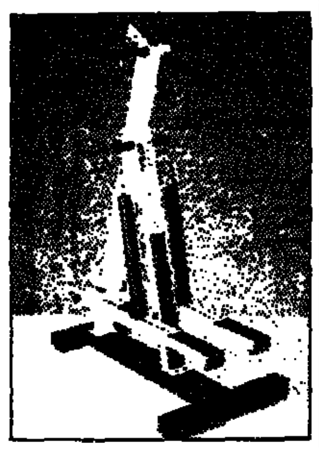

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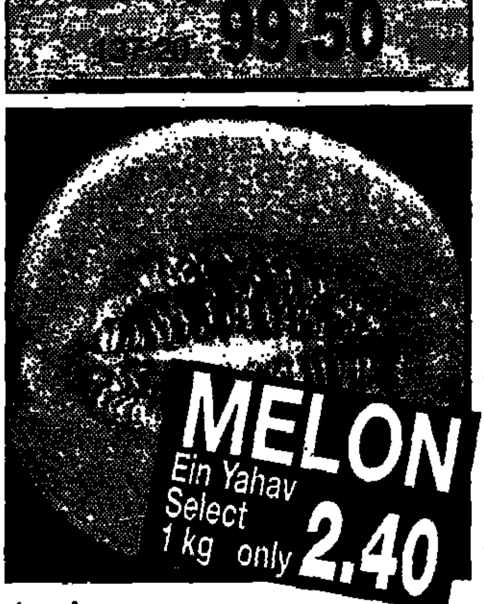

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Workers search for clues around the wreckage of a Russian-built Tupelov-154 Chinese airliner which crashed near Xian killing all 160 people on board. (Reuter)

China's worst plane crash kills 160

DAVID SCHLESINGER

BEIJING

A Chinese airliner on a domestic flight from the tourist centre of Xian crashed yesterday killing all 160 people on board in the country's worst reported air accident, the Xinhua news agency said.

The Russian-built Tupolev-154 with a crew of 14 and 146 passengers smashed into a field less than 10 minutes after takeoff on China Northwest Airlines' Flight 2303 to the southern city of Guangzhou.

Officials at Xian's Emergency Rescue Centre said one person had been found alive and sent to hospital in critical condition but later died.

State television showed pictures of the aircraft's debris scattered widely. The main cabin looked largely intact but the rest of the plane was shattered.

"I heard a large explosion and ran outside," said a government worker in Mingdu township, about 30 km southwest of Xian, where the plane went down.

"My colleagues said they saw parts of the plane falling from the sky," she said.

Her account, and the television pictures of the widespread wreckage, matched reports the plane or one of its engines had exploded in the air. Others said the plane crashed while trying to make an emergency landing in a rain-sodden field.

Xinhua said the cause of the crash was under investigation and that Vice Premier Zou Jiahua had flown to the scene.

It said the passengers included three people from Hong Kong, one from Taiwan and nine from other countries.

It did not identify them, but diplomats said they had been told there were two US citizens, six Italians and one Swiss. No names were available.

A Xian tourist agency said among the Italian dead were a family of four, including a 10-year-old girl and a nine-year-old boy.

The crash is the worst reported accident in Chinese civil aviation history.

The previous highest toll was in November 1992, when all 141 people on board a China Southern Airlines Boeing 737 were killed when it slammed into a hill coming in to land at the scenic tourist city of Guilin.

Xian, the central China site of yesterday's crash, which is 1,000 km from Beijing, is the location of the famous army of terracotta tomb warriors dating from 210 BC, a prime tourist attraction.

It was the first Chinese crash since last November, when 12 people were killed as a China Northern Airlines MD-82 crashlanded near the western city of Urumqi. (Reuter)

Ex-classmate keeps the heat on Clinton

DAN SEWELL

LITTLE ROCK

CLIFF Jackson shares his year of birth, his small-town Arkansas roots and an Oxford education with Bill Clinton.

That old school tie may bind too tightly to suit Clinton supporters. They see Jackson's hand in the campaign-year draft-dodging controversy and in the sexual harassment civil suit filed against the president by Paula Corbin Jones.

Jackson says he dislikes being called Clinton's archenemy and winced when a recent *Newsweek* magazine story labeled him "relentlessly odious." But he did chuckle about other stories that have dubbed him Clinton's Captain Ahab or Lex Luthor.

"I never intended to be his enemy," Jackson says. "I'm not bitter. I'm not a rabid, right-wing radical. Contrary to what you hear, I don't spend my time obsessing over my past or his."

For the last two years, however, Jackson has been a point man for anti-Clintonites, the answering machine in his home law office often filling with dozens of callers wanting to share supposed dirt.

Unlike other foes of the president, Jackson appears driven more by the personal, not the political.

So what makes Cliff Jackson continue to stalk his old classmate, flinging harpoons? Is he jealous of the president's success? Did Clinton once steal a girlfriend from him? Didn't Clinton pass Jackson the ball enough when they were Oxford basketball teammates?

No, no, no, Jackson insists. Instead, he says, he feels a duty to the nation.

"This is about abuse of the public trust. It's about compromising of the principle until there's no principle left to compromise," he says. "I think it's not good for the presidency for responsibility and accountability to be avoided."

Discussing himself and Clinton for more than an hour over coffee one evening, Jackson dismisses "all the psychoanalyzing about why I am doing what I'm doing now."

"I am happy with my life," he says, after repeatedly rebutting suggestions of personal motives.

But a combination of factors emerges from the lengthy conversation, with tears welling at times in Jackson's eyes as he discusses his personal convictions.

There are his politics, which tend to be conservative and Republican; his religious upbringing in the Assembly of God Church; and a longstanding feeling that Clinton once used him in an effort to avoid the draft.

At times, Jackson praises Clinton's abilities and fondly recounts conversations, letters and even their winning teamwork in intramural basketball. But he also portrays Clinton as superficial, deceitful and telling people what they wanted to hear, while surrounding himself with people who do the same for him.

"We're fundamentally different," Jackson concludes.

They "dated some girls who were friends" in college, but there was no romantic rivalry, says Jackson, married with two daughters.

Common roots drew the two together at Oxford – where Clinton, from Hope, was a Rhodes scholar and Jackson, from Antioch, was a Fulbright scholar – and they kept in touch in the first years after they returned to Arkansas.

Then, Clinton began realizing his college-day dreams of political success, while Jackson's ended after he lost a run for local prosecutor in 1976. That year, Clinton was elected attorney general in his first statewide election.

Jackson built a prosperous law practice. He helped win a $17.5 million sexual discrimination lawsuit against Texaco (which was appealed and must be re-tried), and he also turned up as an Assemblies of God national mediator when evangelist Jimmy Swaggart was disciplined for confessed sins.

Jackson says that after his electoral defeat, he decided to pursue his political interests and populist beliefs through activism on specific issues.

In 1990, he helped form a political action group called Alliance for a Rebirth of an Independent American Spirit, which ran anti-Clinton ads in New Hampshire before the Democratic primary in 1992.

Then, it started getting personal.

Jackson released letters and other information indicating that he used his Republican influence during Vietnam to gain Clinton an ROTC deferment – which Clinton then discarded.

Jackson called that "a betrayal" of him by Clinton. He also knew that when the story broke, "I had crossed the Rubicon. I knew Clinton was going to take it very personally."

Clinton's campaign survived the draft controversy, as it had the claims of a years-long, illicit affair by Gennifer Flowers, which Jackson makes a point of saying he had nothing to do with.

But Jackson was contacted last year about helping some Arkansas state troopers make public their allegations that they helped arrange and provide cover for the then-governor's sexual escapades. (AP)

Egyptian militants on trial for attempt to blow up minister

CAIRO (Reuter) – A group of Moslem militants, shouting defiance, went on trial yesterday in an Egyptian military court on charges of trying to blow up Interior Minister Hassan al-Alfi last year.

"Where is the law you are judging us by? God is our only judge. We know that the final verdict will be decided by the interior minister," said one of the 14 defendants behind bars.

Three others are on the run and are being tried in absentia.

Defending lawyers complained to presiding judge Wagdi al-Laithi they had not seen any of the indictment papers.

The judge read the charges against the 17 defendants and adjourned the case until June 12. If convicted, the men could face the death penalty.

Alfi escaped death in central Cairo on August 18 last year when a bomb exploded just before his motorcade passed. The explosion killed two militants and three civilians.

The men sang Islamic songs and shouted anti-government slogans from behind barred cages. Some of them lifted their garments to show what they said were signs of torture.

"It's a good thing we are still in our right minds. We always will be, no matter what those despots do to us," shouted Mohammed Rashad Hegazy.

Many of the men were visibly moved after the eight-year-old son of one of their co-defendants burst into tears when he saw his father behind bars.

N. Yemen declares ceasefire until South violates it

SANAA (Reuter) – The Yemeni government in the northern capital Sanaa said its troops would observe a ceasefire in the civil war with southern foes from midnight yesterday.

The ceasefire would last until the other side violated it.

Foreign Minister Mohammad Salem Basendwa, speaking during a day of heavy shelling on the southerners' stronghold of Aden, told reporters:

"We have informed the secretary-general of the United Nations and the secretary-general of the Arab League that a ceasefire will start from midnight tonight," he said.

"The ceasefire will last until the other side ceases to abide by it. Then I don't think it will be possible for us to stop our people," he said.

The UN Security Council last Wednesday called for a ceasefire. The six Arab nation Gulf Cooperation Council warned on Sunday of unspecified measures if the fighting continued.

Witnesses yesterday said shells crashed around Aden's airport and in the sea, disrupting maritime traffic though southern warplanes continued to roar off on constant sorties against the northerners. Some shells slammed into residential areas.

A southern military statement reported heavy fighting in Shabwa province, hundreds of km east of Aden. The communique, which could not be confirmed, said 65 northern soldiers were killed and 200 wounded.

Witnesses in Aden reported southern positions loosing off heavy anti-aircraft fire yesterday afternoon. They said one incoming missile fell into the sea near the city's port.

Black smoke drifted from Aden's refinery, hit twice on Sunday by what the south said were northern air raids. New checkpoints sprang up in Aden's streets and traffic was thin.

Many of the 350,000 residents queued for bread, water and petrol for the first time since the civil war started on May 4.

Armed civilians and soldiers patrolled streets in northern suburbs. The atmosphere was tense but there was little panic.

The military situation yesterday in villages north of Aden was not clear although the fighting had caused many casualties.

"There has been random shelling on all the villages north of us," said surgeon Nabil Obadi. "A lot of civilians have been injured."

One child, five-year-old Fatima Abdul-Qader lay motionless on a hospital bed in Aden, her head covered by bloodstained bandages.

Itimad Ali, a nine-year-old girl who suffered a head wound in a nearby village, moaned that she wanted her mother.

Before the northern ceasefire statement, the International Committee of the Red Cross was trying to organise an evacuation of foreigners to Djibouti.

As shells landed near ships, 100 Somali refugees gathered at Aden port trying to leave, uncertain whether Djibouti would accept them and worried about returning to their own land of strife.

The rival Yemeni forces went to war on May 4 after a long dispute between their leaders following the union of the former North and South Yemen in 1990. South Yemen on May 21 announced it was seceding from the union.

Chinese jetliner hijacked to Taiwan

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) – A man armed with a knife hijacked a Chinese jetliner carrying 139 people on a domestic flight yesterday and forced it to land in Taiwan, the military reported.

It was the second Chinese airliner hijacked to Taiwan this year, and the 12th since April 1993. The incidents have deeply embarrassed Beijing and hurt attempts to build relations with the rival Nationalist government on Taiwan.

The Boeing 737 belonging to China's Southern Airlines was intercepted by two Taiwanese F-5 jet fighters and landed at Taipei International Airport at 7:56 p.m., the military said.

The plane returned to China at 11:05 p.m. with all 131 passengers and eight crew members. The hijacker was detained and will face air piracy charges, police said.

The official Central News Agency identified him as Zou Weiqiang, 35, a driver from Guandgong province. It said Zou claimed he has a heart disease and commandeered the airliner because he did not want to live in poverty in China. He was quoted as saying he earned less than $10 a month.

The recent series of hijackings prompted China in December to announce a $35 million program of air-safety improvements.

All the hijackings so far have ended peacefully, with the planes allowed to return to China as soon the hijackers surrendered. The hijackers have been tried by Taiwanese courts.

To discourage hijackings, the two sides have discussed possibly sending hijackers back to China, but the talks have bogged down over questions of jurisdiction.

Fifteen Chinese have hijacked Chinese planes to Taiwan in 11 incidents so far. Eleven of them have been sentenced to prison jail terms ranging from 6 to 13 years. The rest await trial.

Peacekeeping plan on track in Abkhazia

TBILISI (Reuter) – Georgian leader Eduard Shevardnadze said yesterday that the deployment of CIS peace-keeping forces in rebel Abkhazia province would go ahead despite opposition from the upper house of Russia's parliament.

In a weekly address, broadcast by Georgian radio, Shevardnadze said the planned transfer of ex-Soviet peacekeeping forces to the region had been confirmed by Russian President Boris Yeltsin in a recent telephone conversation.

"The details are being clarified now," Shevardnadze said.

"Events will develop according to plan. At least, that is what Mr Yeltsin confirmed... The failure of this peace mission if it happened would seriously undermine the CIS's reputation as a major inter-regional organization."

Russia brokered a deal last month aimed at ending bloody hostilities between Georgia and Abkhazian separatists, who humiliated the Tbilisi government last year by driving its troops out of their Black Sea region.

The deal provided for a peace-keeping contingent from the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) to be brought into the area.

A CIS coordinator has been shuttling between the former Soviet republics to finalise the deal.

But it was obvious the first units would be Russian. Army officers have said troops were ready to move into the area in three to five days.

Shevardnadze said failure to implement the deal would be unacceptable for all sides and in particular a "serious blow" to Russia.

"Peacekeeping, particularly in Abkhazia, answers Russian national interests. I have in mind the stability of the expanses of southern Russia," Shevardnadze said. "At the same time, this peace mission will reaffirm Russia's international standing".

"Therefore, a successful completion of this mission, while being primarily in the interests of the Georgians and the Abkhaz, and in the interests of Georgia, answers, at the same time, the interests of all CIS countries and of Russia above all."

Deputies in Russia's upper house of parliament, the Federation Council, disagree. Last week they failed by one vote to grant Yeltsin's request to dispatch peace-keeping troops to Abkhazia.

Two killed, seven wounded in school party gunfight

SAN MARINO, Calif. (AP) – A party celebrating the end of the school year turned tragic yesterday when at least two people opened fire in the crowded backyard of a suburban home. Two teen-agers were killed and seven other youngsters were wounded.

The attackers apparently had an argument at the party, left and returned around 1 a.m. to retaliate, Los Angeles County sheriff's detectives said.

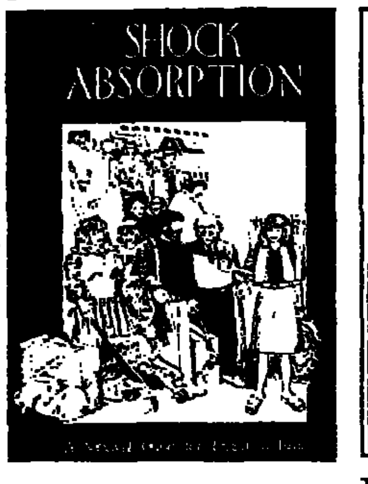
Such shootings are almost never heard of in the wealthy suburb of 13,000, which has some of the state's most exclusive homes and is home of the Huntington Library.

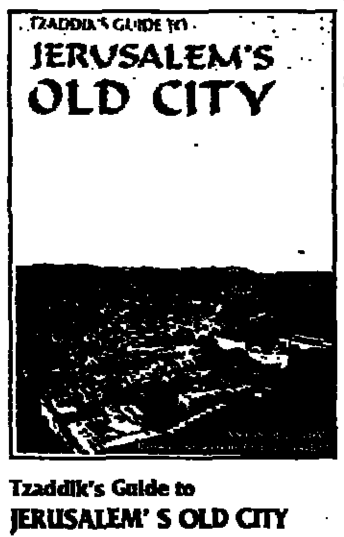
The party, advertised by fliers in the area, was at the home of a high school student celebrating the end of the school year.

Guests were charged $2 to attend. The party featured a disc jockey but no alcohol, investigators said. Party goers ranged in age from teens to about 21.

The student's parents were home at the time and there was no indication the party had become rowdy or loud prior to the attack, detectives said.

At least two of up to 12 youths who returned to the party opened fire on about 100 guests with semi-automatic handguns, authorities said. They fled in three cars.





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North Korea warns of 'instant war' over nuclear dispute

IN one of its strongest threats so far, North Korea warned yesterday that any punitive sanctions against it over its nuclear program would instantly provoke war.

The warning came as the United States and its allies were preparing to seek a United Nations resolution to punish North Korea for refusing to allow full nuclear inspections as required by an international controls treaty.

"Sanctions mean outright war," said a statement issued by the Committee for Peaceful Unification of the Fatherland, North Korea's chief organization overseeing inter-Korea affairs.

"If the South Korean puppet hopes that it would be safe while opening the forum of sanctions, it is a big miscalculation," it said.

The statement was carried by North Korea's state radio broadcasts, monitored by South Korea's semiofficial Naewoe news agency.

Despite the North's warnings, there were no signs that Pyongyang's Communist government was massing troops along its border with South Korea, Seoul officials said.

"If the North chooses for reckless adventurism, it will be destined to self-destruction," President Kim Young-sam was quoted as saying yesterday.

"The North will not have a single nuclear bomb, not even half a bomb. I am determined to stop them," the South Korean news agency Yonhap quoted Kim as telling reporters traveling with him in the former Soviet Republic of Uzbekistan.

North Korea invaded its southern rival in 1950, starting a three-year war that resulted in millions of casualties.

The United States has about 36,000 troops and an array of sophisticated weaponry, including Patriot anti-missile batteries, stationed in South Korea under a mutual defense treaty.

In Seoul, security-related South Korean Cabinet officials reviewed the nuclear inspection crisis and assessed the readiness of South Korea's military.

"We must keep a close vigil," Prime Minister Lee Yung-duk said after the two-hour session.

PAUL SHIN

SEOUL

Also yesterday, a senior South Korean official said China is not expected to block a sanctions resolution if the UN Security Council decides to censure North Korea for refusing inspections.

The official said the Security Council is expected to begin studying possible sanctions against the North today.

Senior officials of the United States, South Korea and Japan met in Washington last week and decided to seek UN economic sanctions against North Korea.

"China is deeply worried about North Korea's unilateral replacing of spent fuel rods at its nuclear reactor," the official, speaking on the condition of anonymity, told South Korean reporters traveling with Kim.

"We, therefore, expect that China would not use its veto power in the course of a sanctions debate at the UN Security Council," he added.

The official said any sanctions to be enforced should be "painful" to the North, but that they also should be gradual and give Pyongyang a chance to reverse its hard-line stand.

The cautious approach also would help China persuade North Korea to back down, he said. China, as the North's only major ally, is believed to have some influence on the Pyongyang government.

The official, who handles national security affairs, said North Korea still has time to cooperate with UN inspectors because it has not diverted spent fuel rods recently removed from the reactor.

President Kim told reporters yesterday that China will "feel much more pressure to participate this time" because other Security Council members honored its opinion in March to choose a non-binding statement instead of a sanctions resolution against North Korea.

Meanwhile, the North's official Korean Central News Agency, monitored in Tokyo, said a military delegation led by Choe Kwang, chief of staff of North Korea's army, left for China.

North Korea insists that its nuclear program is peaceful but its refusal to allow full international inspections for more than 15 months has deepened suspicion it is developing weapons.

The latest crisis developed last week when the UN International Atomic Energy Agency declared that the North's removal of fuel rods has made it impossible to verify whether any nuclear materials have been diverted.

US officials have said that if the UN Security Council fails to adopt sanctions against the North, they, along with other willing allies, including South Korea and Japan, would enforce multilateral economic sanctions. (AP)

Vicki Van Meter, 12, poses in front of her single engine Cessna 210 airplane before departing from Augusta, Maine on Sunday. (Reuter)

Girl, 12, flying the Atlantic

GOOSE BAY, Newfoundland – There are easier ways of getting to Europe, but a 12-year-old Pennsylvania girl has chosen to follow Amelia Earhart's wake.

Vicki Van Meter, 12, left Canada yesterday morning on the second leg of a journey she hopes will make her the youngest female pilot to cross the Atlantic.

"If you put your mind to it, you can accomplish anything," said the sixth-grader from Meadville, Pa., before she took off Sunday from Augusta, Maine, state airport for Goose Bay.

Vicki zoomed into the air in her Cessna 210, circled the well-wishers below and dipped her wings before heading toward her first stop in Newfoundland, Labrador. She also planned stops in Greenland and Iceland before reaching Scotland this evening.

"She arrived from Augusta, Maine in a Cessna," said Dave Snow, manager of the Goose Bay Airport. "She stayed overnight" and left early yesterday morning bound for Greenland.

From there, Van Meter, who is being accompanied by an adult flight instructor because she is too young legally to fly by herself, will then stop Iceland before jumping across to Glasgow, Scotland.

"I'm just doing it for the challenge," Van Meter from Meadville, Pennsylvania told reporters in Maine Sunday before hopping into her blue and white, single-engine plane for the first leg of her more than 3,200-km journey.

She gained widespread publicity last year when her flight from Augusta to San Diego made her the youngest female pilot to fly across the continental United States. The record was later broken by a 9-year-old girl.

Augusta was the same airport used by Amelia Earhart in 1932 when she became the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic. Van Meter will differ slightly from Earhart's route by landing in Glasgow rather than Ireland.

Van Meter also plans to visit England, France and Germany.

Her Cessna 210 plane has been equipped with an extra fuel tank in case weather prevents her from making one of the planned stops.

(Agencies)

Bosnia on verge of ceasefire talks

GENEVA (AP) – The Moslem-led Bosnian government said yesterday all Serb troops had withdrawn from the UN-protected town of Gorazde, clearing the way for ceasefire talks to finally start.

Bosnian Vice President Ejup Ganic said reports from a joint UN-Bosnian mission yesterday morning showed all armed Serbs had withdrawn from the 3-km weapons exclusion zone around the eastern Moslem enclave.

Bosnian Serbs finally "did something they were supposed to do a long time ago," Ganic said upon entering a meeting with UN envoy Yasushi Akashi.

Gorazde, which came under fierce Serb assault in April, was supposed to be cleared of Serb forces by April 23 under the terms of a NATO ultimatum.

Akashi said some progress had been made at separate sessions yesterday with Bosnian government and Bosnian Serb representatives.

But he said there was no consensus on proposals for a four-month truce. He was cautious about chances for an accord by the scheduled end of the talks today.

Ganic, who had boycotted the talks for four days, declined comment on whether his delegation would agree to the truce proposed by Akashi on the recommendation of American, Russian and European mediators. Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic also expressed some concerns.

The Bosnian government, encouraged by recent battlefield gains, is reluctant to commit itself to a truce without a satisfactory peace package.

Its new alliance with the Croats has made troop movements easier for the Moslem-led government army and has increased the supply of arms and ammunition.

Kresimir Zubak, president of the Moslem-Croat federation, said the government would not agree to a ceasefire if it led to the "freezing of the existing situation on the field."

The Bosnian Serbs, who now control 70 percent of the territory, want a permanent cease-fire to keep their war gains.

Williams said initially that the United Nations hoped to organize face-to-face talks between Ganic and Karadzic, but he later said no plenary talks would take place yesterday.

"Now that we believe the Gorazde problem is out of the way, we can see no obstacles to sitting down and discussing a complete cessation of hostilities throughout Bosnia-Herzegovina," Williams said.

Under threat of immediate Western air strikes, Serbs agreed to a cease-fire around Sarajevo in February and one around Gorazde in April. The last nationwide truce was before Christmas and held only a few hours.

More than 200,000 people are dead or missing in the Yugoslav war, which began in April 1992.

Rwandan rebels crush counter-attacks

KIGALI (Reuter) – Troops and rebels battled in Rwanda yesterday following what the United Nations described as the largest counter-offensive by government forces in two months of civil war.

But rebel Rwanda Patriotic Front (RPF) commander Paul Kagame said limited counter-attacks had been defeated and that there had been no substantial change on the battlefield since recent rebel advances.

UN military spokesman Major Jean-Guy Plante said the counter-attack was launched on Saturday night and concentrated on repulsing RPF rebels from the main route south of Kigali.

In the capital, rebels and troops fought with artillery, mortars and anti-aircraft guns over Mount Kigali, the highest peak still held by the army despite the RPF gaining a foothold there days ago.

"It's a major counter-attack," Plante told reporters, adding troops were battling to hammer rebels off the road south from Kigali to the southern city of Butare and neighbouring Burundi.

The route was captured by rebels advancing from the swamps to the east last week. They then turned north and thrust to within three km of the government's refuge at the town of Gitarama, 40 km southwest of Kigali.

"Whether it will work is another story but they are really trying hard," said Plante. "There is also some fighting about 50 km northwest of Kigali where the RPF is having a hard time also."

But speaking in the rebel-held town of Kabuga 16 km east of Kigali, RPF commander Major-General Kagame said expected government counter-attacks had been repulsed.

"In my view there hasn't been any substantial change from the successful advances we made to Gitarama," Kagame said.

"There have been counterattacks and that is expected in the battlefield. I wouldn't really look at it in general terms as a counter-offensive but there have been counter-attacks here and there which have been defeated."

He said rebel forces were still surrounding Gitarama from many directions but declined to say whether the RPF wanted to seize it before Kigali, adding: "That remains my secret."

He said government forces had put up "quite some fight" as the rebels advanced but the RPF had not made any serious push down to Butare although they remained on the road from Gitarama to the city.

The army has retained much of its arsenal of heavy weapons despite a long series of withdrawals since the three-year civil war resumed immediately after the killing of Hutu President Juvenal Habyarimana in a rocket attack on his plane on April 6.

Aid officials estimate more than 500,000 and perhaps up to one million people have been killed in the war and massacres of the Tutsi minority and government opponents since his death.

Asked whether massacres were still being carried out by government troops and militiamen, Kagame said they were fewer.

"Certainly the massacres I think have scaled down over time for I think they have killed most of the people they wanted," he said.

SA's vulnerable neighbors nervous about change

MBABANE, Swaziland – Time and again, the war between South Africa's white minority government and its black opponents spilled into Swaziland and Lesotho.

Now apartheid is finished, but South Africa's two most vulnerable neighbors are discovering that the transformation did not end their troubles.

Instead, the new South Africa has become a formidable rival for aid and investment, not to mention a potentially worrisome example of democracy just next door. Even worse, the Big Brother neighbor that paid many of their bills has joined the world and no longer needs to buy friends.

"We have suffered under apartheid," Foreign Minister Solomon Dlamini of Swaziland said of the days when South African troops swept in to kidnap or kill African National Congress members who had taken refuge across the border.

Dlamini's happiness at the end of institutionalized racism was tempered, however, by concern about the new threats a democratic South Africa poses for Swaziland, a 17,400-sq-km kingdom bordered on three sides by South Africa and on the fourth by Mozambique.

Investors who spurned South Africa because of apartheid and Mozambique because of its protracted civil war saw Swaziland as an island of stability. Now Swaziland will have to work harder to persuade businesses to choose it over South Africa's much-larger market.

"We need to be more competitive" Dlamini said, "because right now the focus is on South Africa."

For Lesotho, the danger seems even greater. Its 30,400 sq km are completely surrounded by South Africa and the 1.7 million Lesothans depend on South Africa for electricity, goods and jobs. Wages sent home by miners working in South Africa make up 40 percent of the gross national product.

Gerhard Visser, the South African ambassador, said Lesotho ought to be creating more jobs for its own people.

Thousands of migrants from both Lesotho and Swaziland may find themselves out of work as South Africa seeks to employ its own people first. That could be especially troublesome for Lesotho, already beset by unrest that includes frequent strikes by police and civil servants and an army mutiny earlier this year.

Declaring that "It would be better for the whole region if South Africa has strong and independent neighbors," Visser said the close relationship with Lesotho would not be abandoned abruptly.

South Africa has not always been so strong a proponent of Lesotho's independence: In 1986, military officers believed to have support from their white-ruled neighbor overthrew a pro-ANC prime minister. Civilian rule was not restored until last year.

Political parties are banned in Swaziland and most power rests with King Mswati III. Swazis can vote, but only for an electoral college that chooses a parliament to advise the king.

"We know that people are studying what is happening in South Africa ... and they are relating that to what is happening in their own country," Dlamini said.

"The attitude of the government of Swaziland is: Yes, let us evolve toward democratization. But let us evolve, let us not jump. Here, we would like to give it time and move in steps."

Tiger kills Florida zookeeper

MIAMI (Reuter) – A zookeeper was mauled to death by a rare white Bengal tiger yesterday at Miami's MetroZoo, officials at the institution said.

The worker, 45-year-old Dave Marshall, was attacked by a 10-year-old male tiger that was apparently defending its turf, zoo spokesman Ron Magill said.

The tiger will not be killed.

"This is something that was in no way the cat's fault," Magill said.

The accident occurred before the zoo opened yesterday, as Marshall was leading one tiger out of an exhibit and two others in. Marshall suffered severe lacerations on his chest and back and was dead when he arrived at a local hospital.

"We don't know what went wrong. It seems like every safety feature was in place," Magill said.

The doors were locked and a sign was in place alerting Marshall that the male tiger was loose in the pen, Magill said.

He described Marshall as "one of the most experienced animal keepers I've ever worked with."

Kuwait commutes Jordanians' death sentences

KUWAIT (Reuter) – A Kuwaiti appeal court yesterday commuted death sentences passed on 10 Jordanians for helping Iraqi troops during Baghdad's 1990-91 occupation to jail terms.

The 10, believed to be of Palestinian origin, were sentenced to death on June 12, 1993 by Kuwait's state security court on charges of helping Iraq's invasion.

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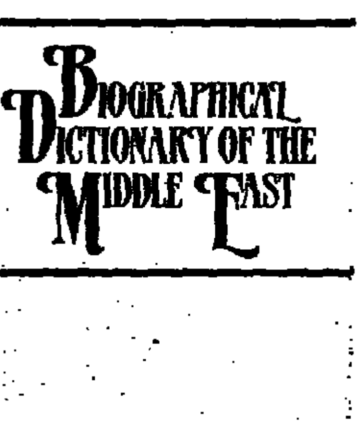

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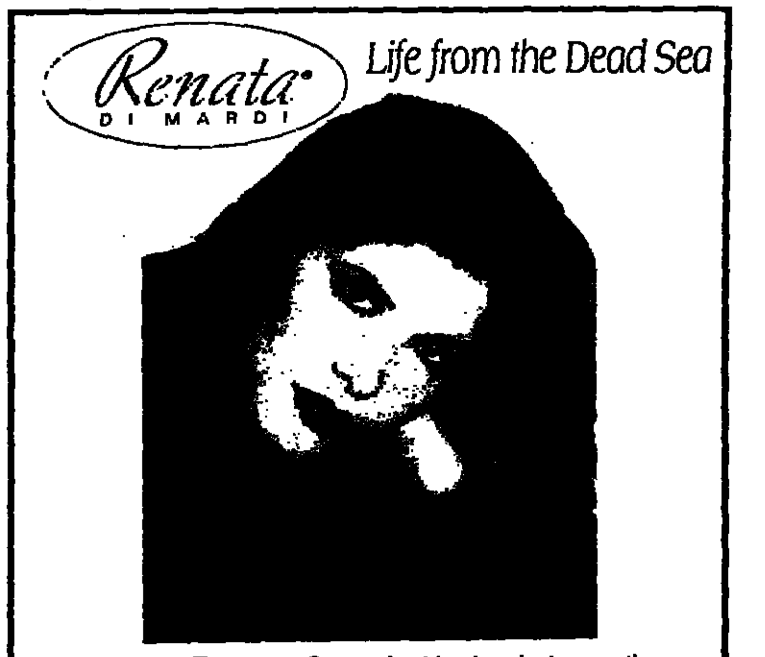

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Another Beilin folly

DEPUTY Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin's salvo against the new Italian government, accompanied by a threat to reassess Israel's relations with Rome, is yet another sensation-seeking pronouncement by a government official Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin once appropriately branded a petty bureaucrat. Beilin's reported threat to temporarily recall Israel's ambassador and other ridiculous noises he made about "taking action" against Silvio Berlusconi's government are as senseless as they are harmful.

His utterances, contradicting what Foreign Minister Shimon Peres has said about Israel's relationship with Italy, betray not only disarray in the Foreign Ministry. They reaffirm that Beilin is one of those unreconstructed true believers of the left who still consider any party calling itself "socialist" beyond reproach, while automatically condemning anything on the right as "fascist."

The purported reason for Beilin's ire is the presence in the Italian cabinet of three neofascists (not five, as he had it). As members of the Italian Social Movement (MSI), which is part of the National Alliance party led by Gianfranco Fini, they represent a highly unattractive faction in Italian politics. Fini himself has made obnoxious remarks about Benito Mussolini's greatness. Worse, he has said freedom is not always an essential value and that Italian fascism in the 1930s was not bad until it adopted racist doctrines. European Commission president Jacques Delors, an avowed socialist, referred to the MSI ministers as a "hideous beast" which should be watched with "worried vigilance."

But both Beilin and Delors would have been far more persuasive had they been consistent in their condemnation of other parties, far more powerful than Fini's faction, which espouses non-democratic causes. When the Italian Communist party openly supported the most extreme factions of the PLO, embraced "Zionism-equals-racism," or arranged the publication of anti-Israel school texts, they were thunderously silent.

And it is a sure bet that had the Party of the Democratic Left – the reincarnation of the Communist Party – won the general election, as it narrowly did the municipal election in Rome, neither Beilin nor any other critic of the current government would have carped about its alliance with the unregenerate Stalinist, virulently anti-Israel faction of the old Communist Party.

Fini himself obviously harbors some idiotic notions about Mussolini, but no more idiotic than the delusions nurtured by Beilin and others about the benignity of fascist totalitarians like Hafez Assad. Nor can Fini be accused of antisemitism. In fact, during the mayoral elections he visited the Ardeatine Caves to pay tribute to the hundreds of Jews and other anti-fascists who were executed there by the Nazis during the war.

Berlusconi himself was the only political leader who delayed his vote in the general election so that it would not fall on Pessah, making the gesture a show of solidarity with the Jewish community. He is adamant about demanding the extradition of Nazi criminal Erich Priebke from Argentina. His government may indeed be – as Italian foreign minister Antonio Martino says – the most pro-Israel ever. To condemn it because of three unattractive minor ministers is an unprecedented display of political irresponsibility.

History's leaps

ONE of the most touching sights of the D-Day anniversary celebrations was undoubtedly what the French dubbed *les papys sauteurs* – the jumping grandfathers. Veteran paratroopers, aged up to 83 and defying all efforts to halt the event out of concern for their safety, replayed their historic leap of 50 years ago into occupied France. It was a demonstration of courage undiminished by the passing of the years and a timely reminder for the enthralled grandchildren of all veterans of the enormity of the effort to free Europe from the dark forces of Nazism.

In 1944, the paratroopers who spearheaded the invasion could not have dreamed of the world they would jump into 50 years later. That was a time before some of the most familiar images of today – before plastics, before space travel, before the rise and fall of the communist bloc, before television, supermarkets, computers, mass communications.

Much less could they have dreamed that the destroyed continent they were coming to save would become a prosperous, democratic union of nations – including, as an economically powerful united state, the hated Germany that the eastern and western allies were then about to dismember. Amid the carping and criticism of modern woes, it is all too often forgotten what sort of world it might have been had the enormous sacrifices of the Russian, American, British, and other allies been in vain.

A world divided between Nazi Germans and imperial Japanese would have been one no George Orwell could have imagined – a global slave camp catering to the whims of a handful of dictators to whom life, history, and culture meant nothing. The fate meted out so tragically early to six million Jews awaited untold millions of Slavs, blacks, Christians, Chinese, or whatever other category of inferior species popped into Hitler's satanic mind.

It was because the danger was so great and the forces of evil so powerful that the price was so high. The D-Day celebrations are a tiny memorial to those who died that the rest of us might live in freedom, and a tribute of gratitude to those who survived.

One of the most depressing lessons of history is that some people just will not learn any lessons from history. Many who remember the 50th anniversary celebrations in 1968 for the end of World War I must be somewhat startled to find themselves so quickly viewing those for the end of World War II. It must be hoped that these memorials will shock everyone into greater vigilance, so that the grandchildren of *les papys sauteurs* will avoid a rerun of history in their own lifetimes.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SIGN OF CONTEMPT

Sir, – It is perhaps a sign of utter contempt for the Israeli nation and Jews around the world that Shimon Peres, foreign minister of Israel, can accept Arafat's explanation of jihad. Everyone is laughing at the Israeli foreign minister – laughing because the evidence is so obvious that jihad means holy war against the Jews. Mr. Peres, unfortunately for him, has a problem because the speech of Arafat in the mosque at Johannesburg was reported and recorded.

How can Mr. Rabin, the head of the government, keep Peres as foreign minister? Peres considers Rabin as the same fool as he considers the individual Israeli, buying any explanation from Arafat. How can he permit Peres to go around from country to country acting as a shill to raise money for Arafat? Arafat is sure to use this money to begin a war chest for his jihad. The Palestinian police are all waiting for the arms that they will use in two years' time for their war against Israel and the Jews. Peres will bear all the responsibility.

TOBY WILLIG

Jerusalem.

CHELM

Sir, – We must be living in the world of Chelm. Fist the comptroller's report lambasts the Housing Ministry as being the most inept, inefficient and possibly the most corrupt of any government agency. Then the next day, the Housing Ministry announces that it is ready to go into the multi-billion dollar construction business. We can just imagine the size of the disaster that this will bring to the economy.

DR. CHAIM BEN-ELIEZER

Jerusalem.

FALSE HOPES

Sir, – The incongruity of Mr. Peres going ahead with the Oslo Peace Award ceremony, despite Arafat's call for "jihad to liberate Jerusalem," defies all logic. The prime minister's reaction to Arafat's now open betrayal of an agreement of peaceful coexistence, can only be described as deeply disturbing. What other proof does Israel need that Arafat means what he says?

Hoping and praying for peade is not enough. You must have a willing partner. Perhaps that day will come eventually. At present, all the signs are to the contrary.

The government of Israel must put a stop to this tragic farce. All attempts at appeasement of an intractable enemy have never worked in history. There certainly is no longer any reason to believe they will work now. Any further concessions on borders, including the Golan, will do nothing except endanger Israel's security.

SABINA CITRON,
Vice-President,
Canadian Holocaust Remembrance Association – Toronto

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PEACE FOR JERUSALEM

Sir, – In the context of modern Middle East negotiations, the ancient city of East Jerusalem should become a separate state. Disarmed and non-belligerent, it should be ruled by a board of senior clerics representing the three great religions of Islam, Christianity and Judaism. Only then would Jerusalem become a truly Holy City and the City of Peace which its name implies.

A.C.J. MACONOCHIE

Wadhurst, East Sussex.

DISGUSTING BEHAVIOR

Sir, – When a truck driver was shot and injured by terrorists and lying bleeding heavily on the ground, journalists from TV's New Channel 2 who happened to be nearby started photographing him in spite of his pleas to them not to do so because his wife might see it on TV and go into shock.

I think this is disgusting behavior on the part of these journalists who think a scoop is more important than decent behavior. In a democratic country, surely one has the right to expect privacy at such a moment.

NOMI KALISCH

Netanya.

DEFENSE IN DEPTH

Sir, – Defense in depth, the first principle of battle, rescued Russia from Napoleon and Hitler, just as two oceans protect the US. So why is the old warrior Rabin sacrificing the Golan like Begin gave up the Sinai? Did they want to be known to the world as "nice Jewish boys"?

The world never has and never will come to Israel's defense. The Arabs know this and will coordinate an attack on Israel at the earliest opportune moment.

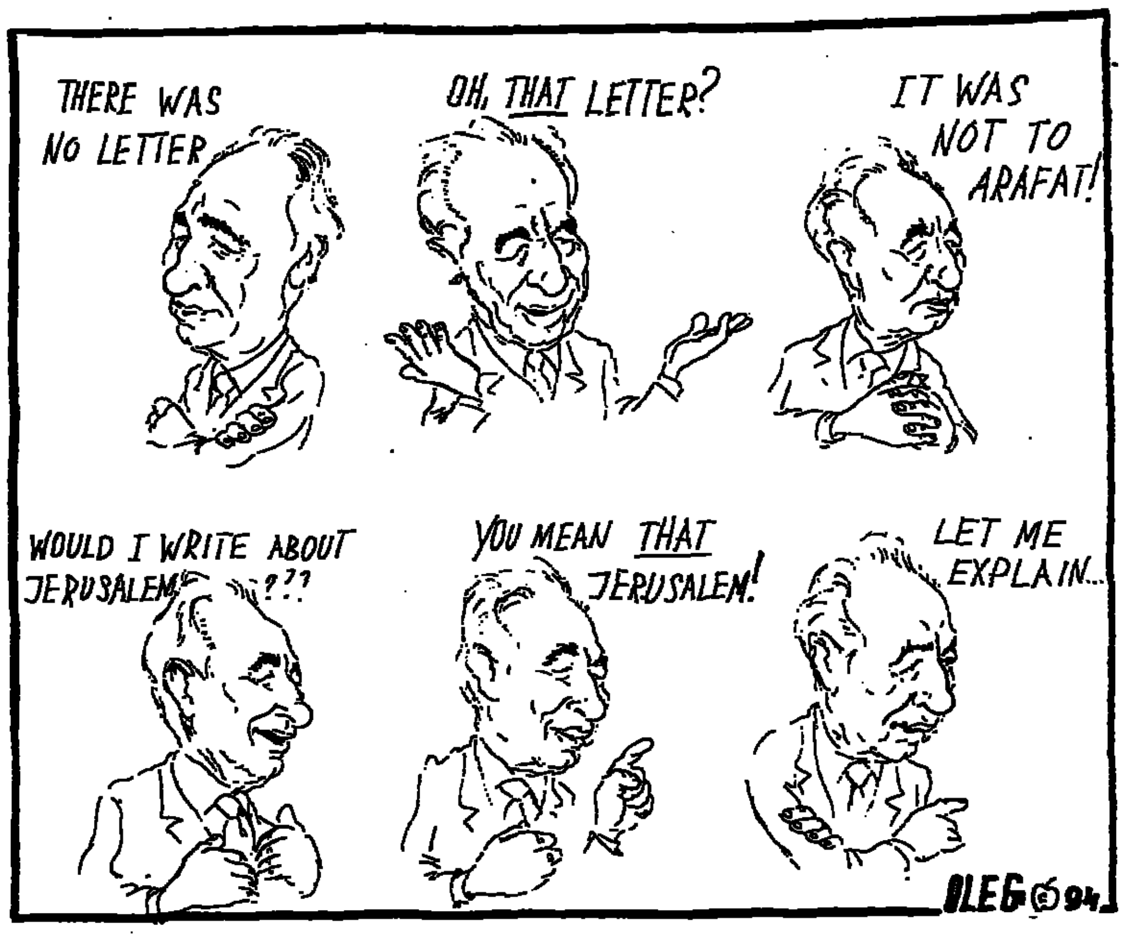
The British escaped from Dunkirk back to England. Where will Israel go? To Cyprus? To the Greek Isles?

Had Israel heeded the martyred Rabbi Meir Kahane, the Arab problem would not exist and Israel would be secure rather than having its days numbered.

I no longer donate to Israel. I don't want the Arabs to enjoy my money.

R. SCHWARTZ

Gualala, California.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Hard logic vs. fairy tales

MISHA LOUVISH

"THE country has been brainwashed," cries Moshe Zak ("PLO 'insurance policy'," *The Jerusalem Post*, June 2). "One bright summer's day, so the story goes, Israel got up and embarked on a war of conquest, grabbing land that belonged to the Palestinians!"

I have been involved in putting the case for Israel for many years, and I can testify that whatever Arab propaganda may allege, Zak's description of the prevailing Israeli attitude and the mood of the country is a figment of his imagination.

To cite only one example: In the brief articles on public affairs published by the *Hello Israel* tourist weekly on the initiative of the Government Information Center, the "occupied" or "administered" territories are always referred to as "having come under Israeli rule in 1967 in self-defense against Arab aggression."

In justifying his peace policy, Prime Minister Rabin never uses language remotely resembling Zak's picture of "brainwashed" Israeli public opinion. His basic argument, which he repeats over and over again, is that we should not rule over a million and a half Arabs who don't want us; that we cannot completely suppress their violent resistance by force; and that the only solution is an compromise between the two nations that live in this country and will continue to live in it.

Zak does not mention this argument – let alone refute it. Instead, he cites history to give us the comfortable feeling that we are and always have been irreproachably righteous, and that we can, with a clear conscience, continue to rule the Arab population of the territories, whatever they may think or do.

All Israelis except for a tiny fringe have no doubt that we were perfectly justified in 1967 in reacting as we did to Egypt's open threats and, even more, to the Jordanian invasion. Moreover, it was only when we had territory to exchange that the Arabs – some earlier and some later – offered to make peace with Israel as the only way to get back what they had lost.

The historical justification, however, doesn't change today's situation. Menachem Begin understood this in 1977. He would have had no difficulty in showing that Egypt was entirely responsible for the outbreak of war in 1967, and that Israel had the moral right to hold onto the Sinai Peninsula, which had been used, for the fourth time, as a base for aggression.

History may justify holding onto all of Eretz Yisrael, but only compromise will bring peace with the Palestinians

But he understood that the problem wasn't how to prove we were justified, but how to achieve peace with Egypt – possible only if we acquiesced in Egypt's refusal to admit its guilt and accepted its claim, justified or not, to what it regarded as its own territory.

WE ARE faced with a similar situation today. The million and a half people in the areas that came under our rule in the course of self-defense against Arab aggression in 1967 regard themselves as part of a nation they call "Palestinian."

Perhaps the term is illogical; so, for that matter is the term "American." How many people know who Amerigo Vespucci was, the man who gave his name to the New World?

What do we gain by just calling them "Arabs"? The point is that they aren't Jews, and don't want to be a part of the Jewish National Home.

After the establishment of the PLO in 1964, the Palestinians proclaimed the organization to be their only legitimate representative. They must be regarded as responsible, therefore, for its genocidal National Covenant.

In his letter to Prime Minister Rabin on September 8 last year, however, PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, in effect, tore up the covenant.

The very act of negotiating with Israel, the recognition of its right to exist, the proclamation of "a new epoch of peaceful coexistence" and the renunciation of "the use of terrorism and other acts of violence" violated the most fundamental clauses of the covenant. To remove all doubt, the PLO affirmed that any incompatible articles of the covenant were no longer valid. Ratification by the PLO National Council is a mere formality.

After a generation of dedication to all-out war, the Palestinians have agreed, in principle, to peace with Israel.

Peace means agreement, however, not merely submission to superior force. We can get agreement with the Palestinians only if we give them at least part of what they want: the right to govern themselves. This means not only control of education, health and social services, but the maintenance of law and order by their own police, and not by what they regard as a foreign occupation force.

That is the logic behind the peace process the prime minister and his government are conducting. The fanciful story which Moshe Zak says the country has been "brainwashed" into accepting has nothing to do with it.

The writer was on the staff of the Government Press Office and edited the Foreign Ministry's annual Facts about Israel *for many years.*

Peres's 'Shoa show'

STEVEN PLAUT

ACCORDING to Foreign Minister Peres's recently expressed theory of events during World War II, the Nazi Holocaust and the American dropping of atomic bombs on Japan constituted twin Holocausts. Which presumably means they were morally equivalent.

This kind of comparison has become fashionable in certain Western politically correct circles, and Peres's utterance wouldn't be the first time the government's thinking has been motivated by a passionate desire to conform to international political fashion.

But going beyond political fads, it is intriguing to try and see what led up to our foreign minister's "Shoa show."

If, in Peres's mind, the Nazi Holocaust is analogous to the destruction of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, it follows that he views the Holocaust as an event that must have occurred in the course of an all-out conflict deliberately launched by the Jews.

They, like the Japanese, must have enslaved the better part of an entire continent, pillaging and tormenting its populations while systematically murdering millions.

The German actions, like the Americans', must have been taken to prevent much greater suffering and far larger numbers of victims.

If Peres persists in his analogy, the Nazi Holocaust must have been a moral imperative and absolutely justifiable. The bombing of Hiroshima brought an end to the War in the Pacific without necessitating the ground invasion of Japan. In such an invasion, tens – perhaps hundreds – of thousands of Allied soldiers would have died.

Shortly before the atomic bombings, 7,000 US soldiers were killed and 18,000 wounded taking a desolate island called Iwo Jima. Then 12,000 US soldiers were killed and 35,000 wounded taking Okinawa – making that a battle on a par with Gettysburg.

One Holocaust isn't enough for our foreign minister

On Okinawa, 100,000 Japanese were killed. (Okinawa was then held by the US as a militarily-governed "occupied territory" for four decades, with never a hint of an intifada.)

All this is indisputable proof of how severe the carnage would have been on the Japanese main islands.

AN ESTIMATED 55 million people died in World War II. If the atomic bombs shortened that war by merely a week, the carnage they wrought was one of the greatest "bargains" of human history.

The atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki saved not only many thousands of Allied soldiers, but hundreds of thousands and probably millions of Japanese lives, civilians who would have been killed in the Allied conquest of Japan. As such, the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki rank as one of the most moral, high-minded, humane and unambiguously justifiable acts in the history of mankind.

It is true that tens of thousands of Japanese died in Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and that many of them were also "innocents." It is also true that the numbers killed in both cities is dwarfed by comparison with those killed by the Allies with conventional weapons in the bombings of Tokyo and Dresden, to name only the two most notorious examples in World War II.

In Dresden alone, over 135,000 Germans were killed, many doubtless "innocents."

If, in Peres's thinking, the 70,000-100,000 killed in Hiroshima justify ranking that event as a "Holocaust" morally equivalent to the destruction of European Jewry, I suggest that Peres have the courage of his convictions and add Dresden to his list. He would only be repeating what certain European circles have already been suggesting.

Better yet, why not swell the list of holocausts by adding Saddam Hussein's 200,000 Republican Guards – many of whom were doubtless "innocents" – mercilessly butchered by Allied weapons in the Gulf war?

Let's have some consistency, after all.

The real question is how Peres, the government's No. 2 politician, can take such a position, 50 years after the Holocaust.

The writer teaches economics and business at the University of Haifa.

A step ahead

SUSAN HATTIS ROLEF

MK Naomi Chazan came up with a "scoop" at the Hebrew University's Truman Institute last week. The occasion was a conference called "The PLO and Israel: From Armed Conflict to Political Settlement, 1964-1994." Chazan arrived straight from the airport, having just returned from Morocco, where she had taken part in a conference of women from the whole Mediterranean region, held in Marrakesh.

The scoop: Israeli and Palestinian participants had acted together as mediators between their embattled Turkish and Greek counterparts.

Chazan's lecture was on "The Role of Women and Female Leadership in the Intifada and the Peace Process." Much of it focused on the institutionalization of relations between women from the Israeli peace movements and Palestinian women from the territories.

What Chazan described was a reality which has been crystal-clear to anyone who has followed these relations over the last decade. Women have been much more persistent and consistent than their male counterparts in finding points of convergence to work on. As a result, "women have systematically been one step ahead of the political processes."

Palestinian and Israeli women have played a crucial role in helping peace along

This phenomenon has already been analyzed. Some attribute it to feminine intuition, others to the fact that the personalities involved – women like Chazan herself, Prof. Galia Golan and MK Yael Dayan on the Israeli side, and Dr. Hanan Ashrawi and Zubeira Kamal on the Palestinian side – are all rather extraordinary in their devotion to the cause of peace.

I am inclined to see the cause elsewhere. Though the Palestinian women have played a more active and central role in the actual peace process than their Israeli counterparts, no woman has actually been involved in the very difficult negotiating process itself.

If women had had to tackle the very complicated political, security and economic problems involved in working out a peace settlement, it is doubtful that they would have made any smoother or more rapid progress than the men involved.

WHERE THE role of women has been crucial is in preparing the ground for the opening of political talks between Israel and the PLO.

The Oslo Agreement was preceded by close to 20 years of unofficial meetings between Israeli and Palestinian personalities, in which the two sides familiarized themselves with each other's positions. This process, in which women have played an important role (especially over the last 10 years), generated a good deal of mutual sympathy. This acted as a lubricant for the official talks that followed.

It is perhaps indicative of the nature of women's role in the peace process that even though Hanan Ashrawi initiated the contact in Oslo between Prof. Yair Hirschfeld and Dr. Ron Pundik and PLO representatives in November 1992, Ashrawi herself had no idea of what she had actually achieved.

She found out about the Oslo agreement together with the rest of us – toward the end of August 1993.

If the role of women in the peace process has been subsidiary, their role in the intifada – which, psychologically speaking, was a prerequisite for the opening of talks later on – was often grim.

I am not referring to the heroic role of women in the forefront of demonstrations held on both sides, but to a point mentioned at the Truman Institute conference by Gazan psychiatrist Dr. Eyad al-Sarraj, almost as an afterthought.

According to Sarraj, Palestinian women suffered a good deal of physical violence from their frustrated menfolk after the men were released from Israeli detention camps.

Violence against Israeli women also increased in the same period – and I don't mean violence at the hands of Palestinians.

Violence between peoples invariably spills over into their respective societies. Which might offer another explanation of why women often seem to have a greater vested interest in peace than men.

It is a pity that, in our chauvinistic society, they aren't in a better position to help attain it.

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Exposing themselves

SUZANNE GLASS

ASPIRING director Alona Rivlin had been thrust into the producer's role, and she didn't look like she was having much fun.

"I haven't slept for two nights," said the third-year film student at last week's Fifth Annual Student International Film Festival held at the Tel Aviv Cinematheque.

"I've been producing the workshops," she noted, walkie-talkie in hand. "They put me on the job when all the [university] teachers and lecturers went on strike."

From Spain to Slovakia, from Poland to Portugal, from Canada to Croatia, 100 overseas film students had been picked to attend the Tel Aviv festival; 150 local students also participated.

The foreign students were chosen on the strength of short movies submitted, and then brought over with the sponsorship of both Tel Aviv University and Agfa, the German film company.

The workshops were the highlight of the festival. This year the focus was on cinematography. Fred Helmes, cinematographer on David Lynch's *Wild at Heart*, and Teo Escamilla, of the Spanish film *Cria De Cuervos* (Cry of the Heart), were flown in to direct the workshops.

Inside the grotty darkened room, used for the photography workshop, 50 students were transfixed by Escamilla. It didn't seem to matter that most couldn't understand a word he was saying. He was speaking in Spanish and his interpreter was doing a lousy job.

What mattered was that they were actually in the same room with a god from the film world, and he was explaining how best to film a scene.

"Now let's create our image step by step," he said. They filmed, refilmed and filmed again a little girl walking into a bedroom to find her father dead .

To the lay person it was excruciatingly boring, but Escamilla was teaching his students the art of the cinematograhic perfectionist.

"This is a chance of a lifetime. It's a chance to be spotted, a chance to work with a master," said Rivlin.

But are students really spotted at the festival?

"I came because I think I have to put something back," said Helmes. "I have to teach what I was taught, but I'm not sure if the students will get any more than the actual experience of the here and the now."

Not quite true. The winners of the best short film category – Munich-based Walter Feistle and Stephan Schneider for *Bye Bye* – were awarded the Rainbow prize of $1,000 and thousands of feet of free film from Agfa.

Mark Yardas from the University of California, Los Angeles, had no illusions. "The festival might not be my passport to cinematographic heights, but it was my first time over the ocean.

"It has been a fascinating experience. I was put up by an Israeli student in a box room. It stinks of cats, but even that will give me material to put in my next movie."

"Exposure," said another local student. "This festival was created because we wanted to expose ourselves ... if you'll pardon the pun."

He pointed to a balding, freckled man sitting in the corner of the Cinematheque foyer and said: "That's the guy who started all this."

Laurence Price was a student at TAU's Department of Film and Television in 1986. He was fed up. No one knew anything about Israeli film students and no one cared.

"So in 1986, I picked up my backpack and schlepped around Europe from film school to film school," Price said with a soft South African lilt.

"I told the directors we were having a great student film festival that summer in Tel Aviv and they should support us and send their best students. To my astonishment some of them did.

"I had three weeks to plan the festival. In 1986 it was an intimate little affair, but look at it now. It's taken off beyond my wildest dreams," said Price, who is now director of Rainbow, a Tel Aviv film production company.

Agfa certainly pinned some hopes on the aspiring film directors, producers and cinematographers who were sitting around the foyer discussing their dreams. The company has been handing out ugly sun hats and pens that don't work for days on end.

Said marketing manager Ludo Gielen: "We just hope these people will remember us when they are famous."

Musical passport to Arab culture

NEW RELEASES

TIRZAH AGASSI

THE word "kasbah" refers to the older quarter of North African cities like Algiers. *Salam Aleicum: Music to the Kasbah Beat* (NMC) is a collection of Arabic songs by artists from such places as Morocco, Tunis, Algiers and eastern Jerusalem.

The last credit is perhaps the producers' greatest accomplishment, for it signals the first time a Palestinian group – in this case, Sabreen – has cooperated with an Israeli recording company.

According to Eli Grunfeld, who initiated the project, the Foreign Ministry is so impressed by this that it has ordered copies of the CD to be sent to embassy and consulate libraries all over the world as proof of progress in nurturing peaceful coexistence.

The album is an interesting introduction for anyone who needs to get used to Arabic music before appreciating it. The first cut is the danceable "Ziggarats of Cinnamon," a number by English composer and music producer Anne Dudley.

More authentic tracks follow, including "Haoulou," by Algerian Cheb Mami, who is scheduled to visit Israel in August, and "Didi," by fellow Algerian singer, Khaled, who has quite a following here. Their type of music – called *rai*, a kind of Arabic blues – is relatively accessible, and the beats really draw us in.

By the time singer Natacha Atlas insists that we "listen, it's the rhythm of the universe" on the "Yalla Chant," we are ready to believe that perhaps the universe does pulse to a darbuka beat. Belgian-born Atlas, who is of mixed Palestinian-Jewish parentage, will appear here with Peter Gabriel.

The "differentness" builds as we get closer to the essence of music in an Arabic scale. By the time we come to Sabreen's totally non-dance "Love," even those listeners whose hearts belong to Country & Western will have begun to learn to listen to this musical language.

Next, we get to Moroccan-born Sapho's excerpt from *El Atlal*, the opera for one voice made famous by the legendary Egyptian Oum Kalsoum.

Sapho, who is Jewish, performed the full piece at the Israel Festival last month. It was a landmark event in which Jerusalem's packed Binyenei Ha'uma had an audience comprising an estimated 25% from eastern Jerusalem, according to Grunfeld. By the end of the performance, both Arabs and Jews were jumping up on stage singing, dancing, weeping and tossing rose petals in the air.

Half of Sapho's orchestra was made up of Nazareth musicians. They were filling in for Paris-based musicians from such countries as Lebanon, who had been warned that their relatives would suffer if they set foot in Israel. As encore followed encore, the mixed audience proclaimed Sapho's resounding victory in achieving her stated aim of "giving a cultural answer to violence."

El Atlal, meaning "the ruins of love," is not easy listening, but if one can find the way to a gut level understanding of what Arabic culture finds deeply moving, surely one will come closer to understanding "the other" on a very human level.

The album closes with Amina's mixed Arabic and French "Le Circle Rouge." Amina is the Tunisian-born French singer who, as a Eurovision runner-up a few years ago, startled several million viewers by kissing Israeli contestants Orna and Moshe Datz. She later paid for this by being blacklisted in Tunis.

Learning to love Arabic music is a challenge for many of us. This carefully chosen, high-quality compilation – which took 1½ years to put together – is an ideal way for those who want to understand this part of the world by letting its tones and rhythms under their skins.

Singer Natacha Atlas, who is of mixed Palestinian-Jewish parentage, helps to draw listeners into the rhythm of Arabic music on the album 'Salam Aleicum: Music to the Kasbah Beat.'

Old master, Polish director at film festival

SUZANNE GLASS

ELIA Kazan – the director of such films as *Gentlemen's Agreement* (1947), *On the Waterfront* (1954), and *America America* (1963) – will celebrate his 85th birthday as a guest of the 11th Jerusalem Film Festival, it was announced yesterday.

Homage will be paid to Kazan's work of the '50s and '60s.

Other guests at the festival, which begins June 30, will include Polish-born filmmaker Krzysztof Kieslowski, director of the recent French-language *Three Colors* series of *Blue, White* and *Red*. Irene Jacob, star of Kieslowski's *Red* and *The Double of Life of Veronica*, is also scheduled to appear.

The festival will open with an outdoor screening in Sultan's Pool of *The Hudsucker Proxy*, starring Paul Newman. It is the latest movie from Joel and Ethan Coen, the director/producer brother act whose often surrealistic films have added a new dimension to Hollywood.

The comedy, about the life of the inventor of the hula hoop, was premiered last month at the Cannes Film Festival and follows the Coens' success with *Barton Fink* and *Miller's Crossing*.

Hudsucker Proxy is the Coens' most expensive film to date, with production costing $25 million.

The retrospective this year concentrates on selected films directed by Austrian-born actor and director Erich von Stroheim.

The Volgin Prize will be awarded for the best Israeli production out of 10 documentaries, 10 feature films and 10 short movies.

Of the moon, contact lenses and swimming

DANCE

DORA SOWDEN

OF the four works danced by the Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Dance Company on June 2 at the Sherover Theater for the Israel Festival, all choreographed by Jones, the most notable was *Daman in the Waters* where the dancers "swam" on the stage, with the exceptional choreography marked by the rhythm of the movements.

The earlier works were only what could be expected from someone who has been loaded with awards, one of them from *Dance Magazine*.

Soon, the first item, was danced with extraordinary agility and flexibility by Arthur Aviles and Eric Geiger, with that legerity that the best acrobats have, but always in dance form. Yet it would have been more attractive if performed by a man and a woman, not two men.

Jones's own solo *Last Night on Earth* (1992) was surely homage to the late Arnie Zane, but drew too much on pauses and his own persona.

The first work on the following afternoon, *There were so Many...*, had the buoyancy of *Daman*; a characteristic asset throughout was the choice of music that ranged from songs by Kurt Weill to Mendelssohn chamber music.

Israeli duo Noa Wertheim and Adi Sha'al, calling themselves Vertigo (after their successful work of art of that name), and the British Ricochet dance company combined in a program for the Israel Festival in Jerusalem on June 3 at the Gerard Behar Theater.

They were so ideally suited that in a joint work, choreographed by Vertigo, they were indistinguishable, especially in the dim lighting in which they danced.

In *Contact Lenses*, video images on screen were a measure of distraction from the live performers, a distraction of interest.

The Ricochet dancers were remarkable for their control in slow motion in their own offering *Corpus Antigonus*.

They and the Vertigo pair were so well-matched in *Simbiosa*, a premiere choreographed by Vertigo, that the structure was truly symbiotic.

MARTHA Graham, who died three years ago at the age of 97, was 92 when she created the glorious *Temptation of the Moon*, which the Bat-Dor Dance Company premiered at the Noga Theater in Tel Aviv on May 30.

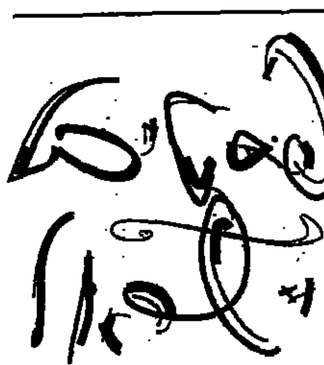
The wonder of it is not, in view of the choreographer's age, that the spirit of it all was so radiant, but that the company could give its intricacies such a glowing interpretation.

Temptation of the Moon is a pagan fantasy but not a "rite." The "Crescent Moon" bewitches all and sundry, including the "Velvet Night" (handsomely danced by Vladislav Manayenkov). The moon is "fickle" but ultimately prefers him, while the others who vied for his favors or her's settle their own affairs.

In the end, they all lie down making a ring around the moon and her adorer. As the moon, Mina Aptzeker gave the role the right seductive charm and indeed the whole court had the uncommon touch.

Carol Fried Cowen and Bert Terborgh, who staged this masterpiece, deserve applause for so transmitting its spirit, and Jeannette Ordman should have special credit for choosing this work.

An extra credit goes to the Martha Graham Trust for making a gift of it to Batsheva de Rothschild, in recognition of her long friendship with the great genius.



Today at the festival

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Orchestra turns over a new Leef

CONCERT REVIEW

BENJAMIN BAR-AM

REGRETTABLY the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra rarely performs Israeli compositions so one appreciates each such performance.

Yinam Leef (b. 1953) is no newcomer to our concert stages. He has recently received considerable exposure here and internationally. His "Scherzos and Serenades" is another example of the East-West synthesis in Israeli music.From the Middle-East Leef acquired the small-step melody progressions, heterophony and central tones and embellishments. From contemporary music there are sound patterns, sound planes and dissonances. Leef's piece made an excellent impression and conductor Lawrence Foster must be warmly congratulated for the meticulously worked-out and sensitive performance.

Russian-born Vadim Repin, 23, gave us Wieniawski's Violin Concerto No. 2, which is hardly admirable, though Repin's nobility of style and strict avoidance of overbearing romantic rhetoric was admirable. His Paganini encore showed him as a virtuoso of incredible capability. Brilliant was his bowing and plucking the strings (pizzicato).

The second part of the concert was wholly devoted to Ravel: the "Rapsodie espangnole," "Pavan pour une infante defunte," "Alborado del grazioso" and the irresistible "Bolero." Foster's readings displayed finely articulated sound qualities, convincing tempi and a wonderful sense of rhythm.

The perfect horn solo by Dalit Gvirtzer in the "Pavan" indicates that we are witnessing the rise of a promising generation of Israeli horn players.

Mann Auditorium, Tel Aviv, May 31.

BE WRECK-LESS
DRIVE SAFELY

Zukerman zips in

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

Pinhas Zukerman will be playing a minor solo in a major key during his current appearances with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra.

In an all-Schubert program he will conduct with the IPO, his solo will be confined to a Rondo in A major for violin and orchestra.

Zukerman recognizes that many would prefer to hear him play an important concerto. "They always do, and they are right," he says.

But "the program doesn't call for it," the violinist explains. "There are only so many pieces you can play without a conductor, and the Rondo you don't usually hear. So it fits nicely."

Zukerman, who is spending less than two weeks here, is making music in a variety of ways. Last night, he gave a recital at the Israel Festival with Marc Neikrug, his accompanist of 20 years. He will also be playing three concerts with the IPO, and several chamber music concerts around the country.

But he's devoting most of his time to teaching at the Ilona Feher Center in Holon. The classes are open to the public.

Ilona Feher, who lived and taught in Holon, was one of this country's foremost violin teachers. Zukerman was one of her students, along with Shlomo Mintz and Shmuel Ashkenazi.

Initially, says Zukerman, he was somewhat afraid of Feher. But she "turned into a mother superior... a surrogate mother. After a while, I stayed over with her and ate with her."

He studied with Feher for six years. "I learned from her tradition, very good tradition. She exercised very good taste in everything she did. She was an incredibly cultured person. I missed her for a long time [after leaving Israel to study in the US]."

Zukerman hopes that the contacts established in Holon with the 15 musicians he's working with this week will continue. "We could go on through video conference sessions," he muses. "It doesn't have to be only when I'm in Israel."

Zukerman is a multi-faceted musician. He plays violin and viola concerti as soloist, plays recitals with piano and chamber music ensembles and conducts orchestras too, occasionally playing and conducting at the same time.

"I don't care where it's going to go," he says of his forays off the solo circuit. "I make no plans for the future."

BUT ZUKERMAN spends most of his time playing the violin. "That's the instrument I practice," he says. "I want to play perfectly." At age 46, he says: "I'm much more secure and very sure about my ideas."

Zukerman is currently music director of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra International Summer Music Festival. But he doesn't have an orchestra of his own on a regular basis – and doesn't seem to miss one. "Today, you aren't hired as a real music director. You are hired to be a marketing pawn for raising money."

One of the violinist's dreams is to conduct opera – but not traditional European 19th-century operas. Zukerman is looking for something "more specialized in the baroque or classical era, something unique, an all-engulfing city project, for example."

He cherishes his longtime friendship and musical collaboration with pianist Marc Neikrug.

"We are unique because we are very close friends as well, and you don't see or hear that at all today," Zukerman says. There is no substitute for time spent together on and offstage, he says. "It manifests itself in so many ways to the listener."

Zukerman will be returning to Israel next summer for more concerts with the IPO and more teaching in Holon. For 1996, he's planning a "sabbatical," and says he might only teach here. Asked what he wants to play next time around, the violinist won't commit himself to any particular program.

"Who knows?" he says with his wide smile. "I'll be 50 [in 1998], and they might be planning a celebration for me. But Mr. [Itzhak] Perlman is first, so we'll see what they do for him."

Zukerman plays with and conducts the IPO tonight and Friday at the Mann Auditorium in Tel Aviv, and Thursday in the Jerusalem International Convention Center (Binyenei Ha'uma). He teaches in Holon until next Sunday, and performs chamber music with some of his best friends tomorrow in Kibbutz Ein Hashofet, Saturday in Kfar Sava, and Sunday in Rehovot.

Beersheva's Stratagem

THEATER REVIEW

NAOMI DOUDAI

THE BEAUX' STRATAGEM

By George Farquhar. Translation, T. Carmi. Direction, Peter James. Set, Adrian Vaux. Costumes, Didi Golan. Music, Yossi Mar Haim. Lighting, Yehiel Orgel. Hebrew title, Nochlim VeOhavim. At Beersheba Municipal Theater.

Boniface	**Hugo Yarden**
Francis	**Gal Zaid**
Thomas	**Lior Ashkenazi**
Dorinda	**Avital Pasternak**

THOUGH written by an Irishman in the year 1707, the Beaux' Stratagem belongs to that most essentially English stream of drama, Restoration Comedy.

Beersheba's version, transferred to the Ain't-She-Sweet-See-Her-Walking-down-the-Street Twenties, is a non-stop riot of revelry, fast-paced action, and elegantly mannered fun.

For once, Israeli-born actors, bouyed up by a witty translation and a real and resourceful English director, show themselves perfectly capable of taking on a traditional English play (providing it's not Shakespeare?) and acquitting themselves more than satisfactorily in the process.

Out of a cast of 16, all but two are young, relatively unknown actors. They throw themselves into this delightful production with a blaze of enthusiasm and exuberance that is nothing less than infectious. They're talented, too.

First there is a stylish and sophisticated Mrs. Sullen, exquisitely played by Shiri Golan. To say that Edith Evans and Maggie Smith have also played Mrs. Sullen only underlines her triumph in the role. Gal Zaid playing opposite is equally mature and subtle with a self-serving, cruelly flirtatious Francis. Advah Edni's Sparkling Cherry makes the third corner of this amorous triangle. The second pair of lovers, Thomas and Dorinda are given dash and style by Lior Ashkenazi and Avital Pasternak, respectively.

The convoluted action takes place in Lichfield in one of England's stately homes. The set saves on elaborate interiors with a hand-painted backcloth that suggests the Cotswolds in all their greenery and rusticity. The Charleston-style costumes and lovely ladies' lingerie are an additionally amusing touch.

POWERFUL showbiz, a multimedia montage of fantasy and imagination, is the main contribution of the Czech *Laterna Magica* to this year's Israel Festival.

The series of sensational canned magnificences, cinematic, orchestral, and vocal, are magnified to effect an overpowering assault on all the senses. The so-called play, a dramatization of Homer's *Odyssey* performed front stage in the flesh by ballet dancers, is a secondary and almost constantly incongruous element.

Dwarfed by the tempestuous screened and taped Sturm und Drang, fantastic optical illusions created by technological trompe d'oeil, the dance protagonists of the Greek epic generate little more than a fragile-to-effete effect.

Except for episodes like Circe, Tiresias and Hades in which a striking artistic synthesis is achieved, we are left drained by an overpowering play of multimedia that ultimately fails to rise above the synthetic.

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Committee approves sale of 51% of El Al to the public

JOSE ROSENFELD and news services

THE cabinet privatization committee yesterday approved the sale of 51 percent of El Al to the public by December and the issuance of a golden share to guarantee the country's vital interests, the Treasury reported.

The Transportation Ministry said the sale would take place after the once-ailing carrier is taken out of a 13-year-long receivership in October.

A board of directors will be named once the company is out of receivership.

Transportation Minister Yisrael Kessar opposed selling a controlling interest to a private investor to protect the airline's workers, who fear for their jobs.

"El Al is a national carrier and its shares should be sold to the public and not to an investor, who would be free to do as he pleased with the airline," said Kessar.

In every privatization process, one must try not to harm the workers who contributed to the company's positive financial situation, he said.

The committee discussed the company's security costs – which total some $55 million a year, 80% of which is currently met by the government and which impose a heavy burden on the airline.

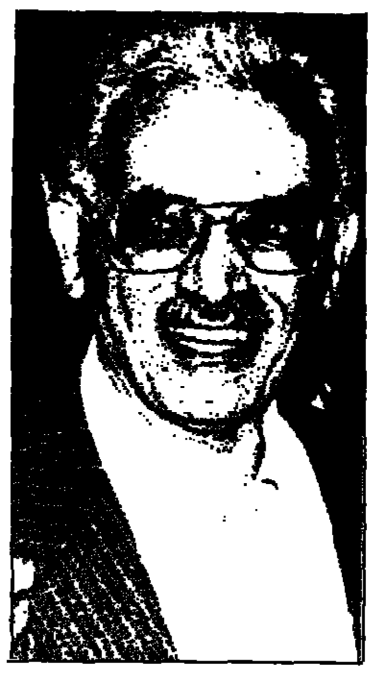
The committee said both Kessar and Finance Minister Avraham Shohat will decide during the privatization process how the security costs will be shared between the government and the airline.

Kessar said the state must retain a "golden share" in El Al to safeguard the national interest. In past wars El Al kept air lanes to the country open when other airlines stopped flying the route.

Officials did not name the foreign markets on which El Al would offer shares, but industry analysts said New York was a strong possibility.

A Transport Ministry spokesman said the government's privatization committee would decide at a later date how to dispose of the remaining 49% stake in the airline.

The cabinet committee meeting was attended by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Shohat, Kessar, Justice Minister David Liba'i, Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair, Government Companies Authority director Yossi Nitzani and Transportation Ministry director-general Doron Shorer.



Kessar: State must retain a golden share in the airline to safeguard the national interest. (Efraim Kilshtok)

El Al has yet to report its 1993 results. However a company official said the carrier had net profits last year of approximately $10 million and revenues topping $1 billion.

Last month Israel appointed two groups of foreign and local consulting and accounting firms to carry out separate valuations of the airline.

El Al currently operates an all-Boeing fleet of 22 jets and recently ordered a third $150m. Boeing 747-400 jumbo jet for delivery next May.

El Al President Rafi Harlev said the airline is considering whether to buy Boeing's new 777 twin-jet, the competing MD-11 from McDonnell Douglas Corp. or the Airbus A340.

He said one of the reasons for the new order is to help EL AL expand its service into the rapidly growing Asian market.

Harlev predicted EL AL would get the right to fly over Jordan and Saudi Arabia within two to three years, cutting three hours from flights between Israel and East Asia.

Bill finalized guaranteeing pension for all workers

Post Business Staff

A BILL to ensure a pension for the more than 600,000 wage earners who do not currently have a comprehensive plan has been finalized by Labor and Social Affairs Minister Ora Namir.

The proposal will soon be presented to ministers, legal experts, the Histadrut and industrialists, after it was put together by a special ministry team appointed by Namir, which included ministry and National Insurance Institute staff.

It will then be presented to the government.

According to the bill, all workers aged 18 to 65, both self-employed and salaried, would be legally required to be included in a pension plan.

The proposal would also pay salaried employees who make 35 years' worth of payments 70 percent of their salaried income, in addition to their National Insurance Institute benefits.

Self-employed individuals would receive compensation based on how much they pay into the system. Since self-employed individuals' income can vary sharply from year to year, it was deemed inappropriate to have them pay a steady sum.

Pensionable income would include all taxable income, including car allowance, overtime, etc., which were not always included in the past.

Namir's proposal also suggests upping the amount of money set aside for worker's pension from the current 17.5% of the worker's salary, of which the employer pays 12%, to 21%.

Negotiations between the employers, the Histadrut and the government would determine the breakdown of the payment. The bill also stipulates that pension funds would not be able to reject candidates seeking to join.

Namir said the bill would not only create less of a dependency on social benefits, but also would create greater mobility in the work force, since the pension would be linked to the worker, and not to the workplace.

"This is an extremely necessary bill, a humane and progressive bill that will guarantee each citizen a respectable living in their old age without becoming a burden on the public," Namir said.

Court extends temporary injunction against Ares Serono

RACHEL NEIMAN

A TEMPORARY injunction against Ares Serono, the Swiss-based majority shareholder in the Rehovot-based biotech company InterPharm, has been extended until September.

An expedited hearing of a shareholder's suit filed in the New York Southern District Court seeking to prohibit the company from proceeding with its tender offer for all the shares in Interpharm it does not already own was held yesterday in Tel Aviv.

Ares Serono announced last week it would extend its cash tender offer for all outstanding ordinary shares of InterPharm Laboratories at $22.00 per share.

A related suit filed in Tel Aviv by the shareholders opposes the sale of a cell bank by InterPharm to another Aeres Serono subsidiary.

The shareholders claim information was withheld from them, and the agreement of sale was a violation of their rights.

"They oppose the fact that he [Ares Serono majority shareholder Fabio Bertarelli] is emptying the company of all its property, patents and know-how," said attorney Yossi Segev, who represents the minority shareholders.

Segev claims the Swiss company wishes to transfer technology without paying royalties to the Office of the Chief Scientist (OCS), the partnership with the Weizmann Institute or the shareholders.

Ares Serono said a cell bank sale was executed to expand the registration of the final formulation form of the company's r-hIFN-beta product.

The company also says the cell bank contains no unique or proprietary know-how and did not require permission from the OCS.

However, the OCS issued a letter to InterPharm last week, warning of legal action if the cell bank was not returned immediately, on the grounds of transfer of know-how without permission.

A meeting was held Sunday between Ares Serono, InterPharm and the OCS. Immediately afterwards, Ares Serono issued a statement that "the chief scientist issued a press release ... [confirming] approval that recombinant beta interferon would also be manufactured outside of Israel."

Chief scientist Dr. Yehoshua Gleitman strongly denied the statement.

"We agreed to extend the warning period ... [which] would serve as a basis for negotiation," he said. "I am just at the beginning."

The OCS is less concerned with the shareholders' issues, calling the group's efforts "an attempt to capitalize on their investment".

The return of the cell bank is only third on the OCS's list of demands from Ares Serono.

The government's primary concern is the return of all technology Ares Serono may have transferred out of the country. The second is notification, binding it to register r-hIFN-beta solely to InterPharm.

"Their message is that we're trying to take technology out of Israel, which is not true," said Christophe Lamps, director of corporate communications for Ares Serono.

Regarding the tender offer, he said the company insists the price offered is fair and does not intend to increase the offer.

Aeres Serono pointed to its long-standing record, as one of the first international companies to invest on a large scale here.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Shekel drops 0.53% against dollar to NIS 3.06: A strong dollar in world markets and surplus demand for foreign currency locally drove the shekel down 0.53 percent to NIS 3.06 against the dollar. The shekel fell a more moderate 0.23% against the currency basket to NIS 3.315.

Rafael's management, workers agree to talks: Rafael's management agreed yesterday to retract letters sent to 350 employees asking them to take voluntary retirement. The retraction came after the works committee agreed to three days of marathon talks to discuss the workers' future at the weapons development authority.

The works committee, in turn, agreed to rescind its directive forbidding workers to carry out assignments outside the plant, until the end of the talks. The two sides reached the deal when it became clear management intended to carry out its threat to dismiss the 350 workers at the standard level of compensation, rather than the enhanced compensation offered under voluntary retirement, unless sanctions were stopped. *Yigal Kotzer*

Robomatix gets $3.9 million order from Boeing: Robomatix Technologies has received its largest order to date, a $3.9 million contract with Boeing, to provide robotic drilling systems for aircraft. Features include digital inspection and precise drilling through aluminium, titanium and other metals. The system is Boeing's third purchase from Robomatix, which will be supplied over the third quarter of 1995.

ECI buys 30.3% share in TelGate: ECI has agreed to purchase a 30.3% share, valued at $1.6 million, in TelGate. The investment will be executed in stages, pending TelGate's meeting of deadline at each stage. The initial investment will be $700,000. As part of a policy to invest in communications, TelGate was founded last year by Aryat Industries and Arie Aloni. Yozma Venture capital became a shareholder earlier this year. Aryat has the option of purchasing Yozma's shares, bringing its total holdings in the company to 52%.

Nakash asks court to delay appointing liquidator: Former North American Bank director Joseph Nakash yesterday asked the Supreme Court to delay implementation of an order appointing a liquidator for his holdings in Nakash Brothers Realty, since the court has not yet ruled on his request for permission to appeal the order.

The order was issued in May by the Jerusalem District Court, in hopes that a liquidator could raise the NIS 482 million Nakash was fined by the court for his role in the collapse of North American Bank. Nakash has so far refused to pay the fine.

Bank Discount appoints new comptroller: Bank Discount yesterday appointed Yossef Cohen as the bank's comptroller. Cohen will take over from Raphael Ben-Barouch, who is retiring. Cohen, an accountant, joined Bank Discount in 1978.

IFTRIC renews working capital guarantees plan: The Israel Foreign Risk Insurance Company yesterday announced it is renewing its working capital guarantees plan after a four-month period during which it refrained from providing guarantees. The company said it is willing to give up to $200,000 in guarantees to each exporter.

R&D talks with Europe said near completion

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

THE issue of cooperation with the European Union on industrial research and development will be resolved at the European Union's ministers board meeting next week in Luxemburg, Industry and Trade Minister Micha Harish said yesterday.

Harish said he met with EU commissioners in Brussels last week in an attempt to get the talks on a new Free Trade Agreement back on track.

He said Israel's participation in the European Union's new industrial research and development plan is the real test for economic cooperation with the European Union.

Harish wants the Europeans to open their markets to Israeli firms' participation in research and development projects by giving Israel similar treatment to the one afforded to European companies.

Harish said Israel is negotiating a deal, under comparable conditions, with Belgium and has already reached an agreement with Holland and Spain.

England and France are the only countries which object to the agreement, Harish said.

He said Israel's negative trade deficit with the European Union increases every year. Last year it grew to $5.65 billion from NIS 4.91b. in the previous year.

Harish: Israel Chemicals should move its headquarters from Ramat Gan to Beersheba

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

ISRAEL Chemicals (ICL) headquarters should be moved from Ramat Gan to Beersheba, which is close to most of its subsidiaries, Industry and Trade Minister Micha Harish said yesterday.

Harish's recommendation to the ICL board of directors is based on the conclusions of a committee set up to examine the economic implications of moving management's offices to the South.

The committee, which was headed by Harish's adviser Amir Haik, was made up of Prof. Nissim Erna, Doron Kauman, Dafna Barak and Yohai Shohat.

"ICL offices are currently located in Ramat Gan, at the Diamond Exchange, which is very expensive land," Haik said.

"It's reasonable to assume that rent payments in Beersheba are lower than in Ramat Gan. In addition, Beersheba's mayor has promised the company property tax reductions if it moves its headquarters south."

During the last few years, ICL officials have expressed objections to the move on the grounds that the company's business may suffer.

The officials said ICL public shareholders, who hold 25 percent of the government-owned company, are likely to sue the company if business is hindered as a result of the move.

"Not only is there no risk of damage to the company's business, but senior ICL officials claim the company's business is currently hindered because its headquarters are not based in Beersheba," said Harish. "The majority of ICL companies operate from the South and conclude international agreements there.

"I have adopted the committee's recommendations, and I appeal to ICL board of directors to adopt the conclusions, even though a minister cannot interfere in the company's business according to the government companies law," Harish said. "ICL enjoys special status rights because of its size and contribution to the economy. The company should respect its major shareholders, the government's, opinion."

In reaction, ICL chairman of the board Victor Medina called on the directors to hold a board meeting to discuss the issue.

Harish: Hopes the company will decide soon. (Uzi Keren)

Survey: 30% of northern factories fear economic impact of autonomous areas

YIGAL KOTZER

SOME 30 percent of factories in the North fear they will be adversely affected within three years of the establishment of an independent economy throughout the territories, according to a survey released yesterday by the local branch of the Manufacturers Association.

Some 5% feared they would close as a result.

The survey polled officials of 151 northern manufacturers.

Association officials said they feared that some 4,000 jobs would be lost.

"The greatest fear is in those plants that are labor-intensive, such as textiles, leather and shoe factories," said Yossi Antwerg, chairman of the manufacturers group in Haifa and the North. "There is fear among the flour mills that they will have to close."

He added that 72% of the plants felt they would be adversely affected if a free trade agreement was concluded between the territories and Jordan.

However, the survey also showed that 71% of the firms were making plans to sell goods to the autonomous areas, since Palestinian officials have recently declared that they do not intend to encourage the development of joint ventures with Israeli companies.

"I hope the attempt at isolationism on the part of Palestinian leaders does not come to fruition, and that ties to plants in Haifa and the North will develop," Antwerg said.

Antwerg said in the past year, there had been higher industrial investment in Haifa and the North compared to such investment in the rest of the country.

"From the data it emerges that in 1993, 149 plans were approved to set up or expand plants in Haifa and the North, for a total investment of $508 million, which is 32.8% of all such investment in the country," he said.

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Manufacturers Association slams FEPZ proposal

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

MANUFACTURES Association president Dan Propper yesterday informed Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of his organization's objections to the proposal on the Free Export Processing Zone (FEPZ).

Proper also expressed his displeasure to Finance Minister Avraham Shohat, Industry and Trade Minister Micha Harish and Knesset finance committee chairman Gedalya Gal.

The manufactures said the proposal presented to the Knesset will result in unfair competition to local manufactures, since companies operating in the FEPZ will be entitled to subsidies and other benefits.

Proper called on the government to significantly change the proposal before making a final decision on the issue.

Propper said the association supports a FEPZ as long as it does not harm local industry.

He said companies operating in the FEPZ should be restricted from selling their products on the local market.

According to the existing proposal, FEPZ products can be sold on the local market as long as the raw materials are classified as imports.

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Patah (foreign currency deposit rates) (6.6.94)

Currency (deposit for:)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
U.S. dollar ($250,000)	3.875	4.125	4.750
Pound sterling (£100,000)	3.625	3.875	4.500
German mark (DM 200,000)	4.125	4.125	4.250
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	3.375	3.375	3.500
Yen (10 million yen)	0.500	0.625	0.675

(Rates vary higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (6.6.94)

	CHECKS AND TRANSFERS		BANKNOTES		Rep.
	Buy	Sell	Buy	Sell	Rates**
Currency basket	3.2950	3.3420	—	—	3.3098
U.S. dollar	3.0412	3.0841	2.99	3.13	3.0380
German mark	1.8202	1.8459	1.79	1.87	1.8461
Pound sterling	4.5746	4.6391	4.49	4.70	4.6137
French franc	0.5332	0.5407	0.52	0.55	0.5399
Japanese yen (100)	2.8879	2.9286	2.84	2.97	2.9026
Dutch florin	1.6219	1.6448	1.59	1.67	1.6463
Swiss franc	2.1447	2.1750	2.11	2.21	2.1723
Swedish krone	0.3843	0.3898	0.38	0.40	0.3861
Norwegian krone	0.4199	0.4258	0.41	0.43	0.4257
Danish krone	0.4644	0.4710	0.46	0.48	0.4698
Finnish mark	0.5508	0.5586	0.54	0.57	0.5577
Canadian dollar	2.2078	2.2389	2.17	2.27	2.1912
Australian dollar	2.2423	2.2739	2.19	2.31	2.2428
S. African rand	0.8406	0.8524	0.51	0.72	0.8387
Belgian franc (10)	0.8850	0.8974	0.87	0.91	0.8964
Austrian schilling (10)	2.5864	2.6229	2.54	2.66	2.6298
Italian lira (1000)	1.8758	1.9021	1.84	1.94	1.9046
Jordanian dinar	—	—	4.22	4.61	4.2912
Egyptian pound	—	—	0.87	0.92	0.9458
ECU	3.5085	3.5591	—	—	3.5578
Irish punt	4.4766	4.5398	4.37	4.66	4.4852
Spanish peseta (100)	2.2110	2.2422	2.15	2.30	2.2390

* These rates vary according to bank. ** Bank of Israel.

SOURCE: BANK LEUMI

Key Representative Rates

		Change
US dollar	NIS 3.0600	+ 0.53%
Sterling	NIS 4.6076	+ 0.41%
Mark	NIS 1.8310	- 0.38%

INT'L STOCK MARKETS

New York market indexes

	Last	Change
DJ Industrials	3768.52	-3.7
DJ Transport	1615.77	-2.84
DJ Utils	187.52	+0.46
DJ Comp	1310.88	-0.99
NYSE Industr	311.63	-0.85
NYSE Transport	247.97	-0.68
NYSE Comp	254.17	-0.17
NASDAQ Utils	160.06	+2.23
S&P 100	424.1	-2.18
S&P Spot Index	458.91	-1.22
AMEX Comp	442.51	+0.67

NYSE stocks

	Unchanged	Advances	Declines
Share movements	+650-	1304	851

Volume up (in 1000's)	116730
Volume down (in 1000's)	102669

Other stock market indexes

	Last	Change
FTSE 100	3009.3	+11.5
Tokyo Nikkei average	20726.6	-227.5
Singapore all-share index	538.97	-1.14
Hong Kong Hang Seng index	9383.03	+148.76

Israeli stocks in NY

	Last	Change
NYSE / AMEX		
Am Is Pap	40.5	-1.5
Ampal A	7.375	-0.375
Aryt	2.125	0
Biotech	3	+0
Carmel Cont	9.875	+0.875
Electro Chem-Frutarom	2.625	-0.0625
Elscint	2.375	+0
Etz Lavud	7.625	-0.25
Etz LavAd A	6.875	+0
Laser Inds C	6	-0.125
PEC	26.625	-0.125
Tadiran	15.75	-0.375
NASDAQ / over-the-counter		
Aladdin	6.5	+0.125
4D	4.75	-0.375
Ampal 6.5	24	0
BVR Tech	6.25	-0.5
Comverse Tech.	8.5	-0.25
Data Sys	7.125	-0.5625
ECI Tel	17.375	-0.5
Edunetics	4.875	-0.125
Edu-Soft	9	-0.125
Electro Fuel	11.25	+0.25
EFI	16.75	+0.3125
Elbit	24.5	+0.25
Elron	11	-1.375
Eshed Robotec	0.78125	-0.53125
M. Systems	4.75	-0.25
Gilat	9	-0.5
ISG	2.875	-0.375
Geotek	8.875	+0
Health Tech	2.46875	-0.03125
Idan	0.5	-0.125
IIS	5.125	-0.75
Interpharm	21.75	+0
Isramco	1.6875	+0.03125
Iatek	0.65625	-0.21875
Koor Bond	-	-
Lannet	6.5	+0
Lanoptics	7.25	-0.1875
Magal	6	+0.5625
Media-Al	5.6875	-0.8125
Magic	8.5	-0.5
Orbotech	7.625	-0.125
Oshap Tech	2.375	-0.125
Rada	3.375	-0.25
Robomatics	3.1875	+0.0625
Sapiens	4.625	-0.375
Scitex	17.1875	+0.5
Silicom	4.125	-0.125
T.A.T. Technol	3.5	-0.125
Taro Vit	5.3125	-0.1875
Teledata	13.25	-0.25
Telegraph	4	-0.25
Teva	23.25	-1.25
TVG	2.125	0

(All listings are closing quotes)

Source: CommStock Trading Ltd. (Data 6-JUN-94)

INT'L MONEY MARKETS

Dollar crossrates (US)

		Last	Change
Pound:	spot	1.5078	+0.0036
	Sep.future (CME)	1.5048	+0.0012
D-mark:	spot	1.6702	-0.0008
	Sep.future (CME)	0.5973	-0.001
S-franc:	spot	1.4171	+0.0061
	Sep.future (CME)	0.7057	+0.0006
Yen:	spot	105.29	-0.05
	Sep.future (CME)	0.009562	+0
CanDlr:	spot	1.3723	-0.0044
	Sep.future (CME)	0.7253	+0.0029
AusDlr:	spot	0.7345	-0.0031
	Sep.future (CME)	0.7348	-0.0029
F-franc:	spot	5.6955	+0.0775
It Lira:	spot	1618	-7
Nlg:	spot	1.872	+0.026
AuShlg:	spot	11.76	+0.05
Rand:	spot	3.628	-0.0005
ECU:	spot	1.1654	+0.0003
Bonds	future	105.468	+0.625
S and P	future	461.5	-0.9

Libor rates

		Last	Change
Dollar	3 months	4.5625	-0.0625
Dollar	6 months	4.875	-0.0625
Dollar	12 months	5.4375	-0.125
Sterling	3 months	5.1875	0
Sterling	6 months	5.4375	-0.0625
Sterling	12 months	6	-0.125
S-franc	3 months	4.4375	0
S-franc	6 months	4.4375	0
S-franc	12 months	4.5625	0
D-mark	3 months	5.125	-0.0625
D-mark	6 months	5.125	-0.0625
D-mark	12 months	5.25	0
Yen	3 months	2.1875	0
Yen	6 months	2.25	-0.0625
Yen	12 months	2.5625	0

(Spot market listings are from approximately 22:30 Israel time. All others are closing quotes.)

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INT'L COMMODITIES AND METALS

US commodities

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Jul) (CEC)	1306	-56
Coffee (Jul) (CEC)	119.25	-5.3
Sugar no.11 (Jul) (CEC)	12	-0.09
Wheat (Jul) (CBOT)	331.75	+1
Soybeans(Jul)(CBOT)	669.25	-26.75
Orange juice (Jul)(CEC)	95.65	-3.75
Crude oil light (Jul)(CEC)	18.11	-0.01

London commodities

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Jul) (LCE)	978	-35
Coffee (Jul) (LCE)	2061	-61
Wheat (Sep)(LCE)	96.2	+0.2
Brent crude oil (Jul)(IPE)	1627	-9

Spot market metals (US)

		Last	Change
Gold:	spot	380.65	-2.9
Silver:	spot	5.26	-0.13

New York metal futures

	Last	Change
Gold (Aug)	382.9	-0.3
Silver (Jul)	5.262	-0.045
Platinum (Jul.)	397.2	-2.1
Palladium (Sep.)	134.05	-0.95
High-grade copper (Jul)	1.0195	-0.0115

London metal fixes

	Last	Change
Gold AM fix	380.25	-2.5
Gold PM fix	378.4	-4.85
Silver fix	527.2	-6.6
Platinum PM fix	395.25	-2.75

Month in parentheses signals contract exp. date

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TEL AVIV STOCKS

Multi-sided trading

Commercial Banks

Name	Price	%chg
FstIntlW1	403	-0.2
FstIntlW2	3540	-49.0
General	9803	-5.6
IndDevDD		
IndDvPyD		
LeumiW1		
MeritC	207	-9.9
OHH	154128	
Trade	712	-2.2
TradeC	186.00	

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Name	Price	%chg
Adanim	335196	
Carmel	703	-8.0
CarmC3	275	-6.8
DevlMB	20449	
FtopMB	31570	-10.0
IndepMB	76080	
J lemC	128.50	
J lemW	778.50	
JlemBnk	360	-1.9
LeumiMBR	101730	10.0
Mishkan	32748	
MishkanC	177.50	1.1
Misiav	8610	
TefahotB	175842	
TefahotR	189566	10.0

Financial Institutions

Name	Price	%chg
Shiloh	7699	-8.0

Insurance

Name	Price	%chg
IsnatIW1	2089	-9.0
Ararat	1831	-7.5
Ayalon	797	-9.9
AyalonC	456	-9.9
Elan	306	-5.0
EtanC1	192.50	-2.0
Hadar1	1278	-8.3
Hadar5	1265	-8.0
HamishmrC	202	
Hamishmr1	1488	-4.8
Hamishmr5	1455	-3.0
Menorah1	1222	-1.0
Menorah5	1788	-3.0
Phoenix1	3695	
Phoenix5	3572	-4.0
Sahar	637	-0.9
Zion5	6554	-10.0

Trade & Services

Name	Price	%chg
hashmira	683	
IsrNtur	1327	-8.0
Assuta	1792	-3.7
AssutaC1	256	
Bazan	2185	-10.0
BazalW2	198.50	-5.0
BndWrhC1	128.50	-1.2
BndWrhC2	124.50	
BondWrh1 L	3891	-6.0
Cilag0.1	86085	-3.0
ClalCmpC	341	
ClalTrW5	152.00	-38.0
CorBeach	2086	-5.3
CoOp	1089	-2.0
Crystal	4511	
DanHotl1	3442	-2.2
DCL	688	-5.3
DCLW	284	-17.0
Elad	180.00	-10.0
Feldman	320	-0.9
GanHadar	230	0.9
GanHadC	198.50	0.3
GilagG2	175.50	-3.5
GranitC1	118.00	-2.1
GranitW2	94.00	-16.4
HGIIC1	124.50	
HGIIW1	146.00	-4.9
HGII1	640	-2.0
Intgama1	3389	
Intgama5	3218	
Iscal	1802	-10.0
Liraz	1368	-5.0
Mafil	1136	
Medtech	720	-5.0
MedtechW	923	-13.7
MLLC1	187.00	
Rapac	2042	-7.5
Reshef	180.50	
ReshefC1	121.50	-0.8
Team	4365	-6.0
TeamC1	220	
TeamC2		
Talsys	1385	-6.0
Topline	364	-1.5
YaadC1	116.50	0.4
Yama	1216	
Yeda1	817	-6.8
Yona	709	-4.2

Industrials

Name	Price	%chg
asbotashk	333	-10.0
electracp	1625	
imco	550	-5.0
solog	446	-8.8
willgtr	332	-10.0
yebodacti	390	-9.1
AdamC	129.50	-2.3
AddndC	322	
AdacomC2	83.50	-10.1
Alliance	1079	-10.0
Alony	397	-10.0
AlonyW1	29.00	-3.7
AlarmKT1L	10449	-8.7
Angel	11085	-6.0
Argaman	838	-10.0
ArytC1	101.00	
Ashply	1910	-7.0
Ashplyc1	168.50	-0.8
AshplyW2	1180	-14.7
AshtrmW1		
Ashtrom	362	
Atzmon	612	-10.0
AtzmonW1	238	-22.2
Azmush	817	
Belmon	535	-1.9
BoulosC1	191.00	
Cables C2	330	
CablesC3	122.00	
CablesW3	301	-35.3
Carshee	1117	-2.8
Cargal	1254	-7.0
Castro	1340	-2.5
Chem	473	-5.0
ChemW1	34.90	-30.1
CldSerC	304	-1.0
CldStr0.1	2598	
Clind C8	160.00	-5.9
CycloneW	5948	-16.5
Cyclone1	14719	-10.0
Cyclone5	9741	-10.0
CyclonC1	161.00	-3.9
CyclonC2	141.50	-4.4
Datronci	171.50	
DatronW2	2009	-2.5
Datron1	3683	-6.7
Decamon	738	-3.3
Degem1	1330	-3.0
Delta 1	1764	-3.0
Delta3	1741	-1.0
DubekB	12342	-8.0
DubekR	12894	-10.0
EagleC		
EagleC2	45.00	
EagleW3	36.60	
Eagle1	92.00	
Edgar	374	-10.1
EdgarC2	128.00	0.4
EldanTec	88.00	-8.6
ElbitW1	12325	-3.0
Elcoind	4883	-1.5
Elctrncs	1181	-2.0
ElctrW1	81.50	-30.0
Elctr 0.5	7827	-3.0
ElectrG4	258	-2.9
EllaC	233	-8.7
EshdRbtc	581	-8.9
Evrot	523	-10.0
Fertlz5	2531	-1.0
Fertl0.1	2324	-1.0
FeuchtW1	5084	-10.0
FeuchtW5	3845	-1.3
Five J	457	-10.0
FrutarC1	168.60	-2.1
FrutarC2	166.50	
GiborC1	99.50	
GiborSab	419	-6.9
GiborW2	688	
Golan	1243	-4.0
Hamat1	2230	-7.2
Hatehof1	469	-10.0
Hatehof5	293	-4.9
Hod	244	-6.9
Holit	208	-10.0
IsrCan1	2358	-1.0
Jaf-ora	739	-2.0
Kedem	5808	
KedemC2	170.50	-3.1
Keter	440	-7.0
KitanC1	128.00	-9.4
KitanW1		
K95	2549	
Lipski	3038	-3.2
Lodzia1	1881	
Lodzia4	1309	-8.0
LuhotGal	248	0.8
MacPal	382	-8.5
Magam	403	-4.0
Maxima1	1583	-6.2
Maxima5	1492	-10.0
Mal Eden	913	-5.0
Modgal	839	-5.0
Mozaica1	631	-3.1
Mozaica5	595	-9.0
NegCeram	485	
Nehusht1	1054	-4.0
Nehusht5	746	-7.0
Neviot	814	-10.0
NeviotW1		
Nice1	1487	-3.0
NMC	549	
Oils	811	
Ophir	225	-8.9
Orbit1	502	-9.1
Orlite	450	-3.0
PackerW2	10756	-0.5
Pargod	2442	
PazChem	712	-10.0
Pika	696	-10.0
PolgatA	456	-9.0
PolgatC1	178.50	
Polygon	1088	
PolygonC	164.50	
PCB	868	-1.0
Rabintex	1344	
RabintxW	361	
Sanlkol1	641	-3.3
Sano1	1132	-2.7
Sano5	1018	-1.0
Sefen	765	-0.5
Shemen	15704	-5.0
Spectrnx	396	-8.8
Steel	128.50	-10.1
Sunfrost	7628	-10.0
Taal	52634	-2.0
Tadiran	800	
TadirC	200	
Tadea	919	-9.5
Tiv	689	-6.3
Tobias1	443	-4.9
Topper	284	-10.1
TATC1	247	
TAT1	614	
Uniber1	619	-10.0
Uniber5	288	-9.4
Vitalgo1	620	-10.0
Vulcan	218	-8.9
VulcanC	150.50	
Wardmon	17150	-10.0
WardmW3	9552	-8.5
YtongC2	346	-3.9
Zahavi	378	-10.0
Zikit1	1487	-5.6
Zika5	1429	-3.2
Zkt1	4798	-8.0
Zkt5	4350	-1.0
ZionCab1	1301	-7.0
Zoharind	728	-8.0

Property, Building & Agriculture

Name	Price	%chg
jacobsbr	288	-10.0
raved	840	-10.0
tzerlati	647	-2.1

Two-sided trading

Name	AFTERNOON Price	AFTERNOON % Change	AFTERNOON Volume Shares	MORNING Price	MORNING % Change	MORNING Volume Shares
buildlpr	963	-10.0	6000	963	-10.0	
nacional	2192	-8.2	53000	2287	-4.3	15846
walfson	110844	-6.2	45	111140	-6.0	292
Abjac	92.5	-10.0	1660000	92.5	-10.2	579755
Ackerlin	829	-2.0		829	-2.0	51645
Adacom	191.0	-10.0	52000	191.0	-9.9	
Afris 0.	400768	-6.7	440	402917	-6.2	105
Afriar	381718	-4.7	522	382720	-4.5	72
Agan	3773	-5.0	37000	3972		8670
Agis	2244	-9.0	84600	2293	-7.0	17260
Aryt	686	-4.5	40000	718		
Avner	16.6	-9.7	760000	16.6	-9.8	821281
Azorim	4107	-2.7	60750	4096	-3.0	22996
ALPM	12025	-6.2	7020	11983	-6.5	2191
Bezek	558	-6.0	1151500	564	-5.1	266754
Boulo	239	-10.0		240	-9.4	39952
Cables	1561	-7.7	49000	1590	-6.0	18755
Clal Com	18686	-7.0	2250	19289	-4.0	3600
Clal Ele	30832	-4.7	21120	32370		6010
Clal Tra	897	-7.5	154800	929	-4.2	83727
Clal 10	7498	-4.5	23000	7537	-4.0	9659
Clalins	1677	-3.5	176400	1703	-2.0	22508
Cldstr 5	2340	-7.0	21700	2284	-10.0	10000
Clinds	1601	-2.2	264000	1605	-2.0	75075
CohenDev	591	-9.5	40000	594	-9.0	17570
Danbar 5	2160	-10.0	10500	2160	-10.0	9925
Dead Sea	1238	-8.2	7200	1349		
Delek	7330	-4.0	30000	7635		28558
Discinv	21252	-6.0	17190	21705	-4.0	2289
Elbit	24027	-5.0	12800	24217	-4.3	1532
Elco	7998	-3.0	18250	8245		5576
Elite 5	1266	-9.0	141000	1335	-4.0	56377
Elron	11691	-5.5	18150	11680	-5.7	2133
Evergr n.	2442	-10.0	16500	2496	-8.0	5804
Export	1372	-10.0		1459	-4.3	5550
Fibi	48031	-5.7	2360	50197	-1.5	2567
Formula	1891	-10.0	12000	1996	-5.0	7859
Frstint1	31360	-10.0	2880	33450	-4.0	393
Frstint5	30433	-6.0	9960	30919	-4.5	3202
Frutarom	815	-7.0	32500	815	-7.0	34729
Gahelet	8106	-3.2	8820	7708	-8.0	1734
Granit	501	-0.2	12000	502		159042
Hapoalm	320	-5.5	1040000	326	-3.8	166377
Hapolm	9986	-10.0	12150	10014	-9.8	15104
IndBldg	402	-3.0	480000	414		212445
IndDevBK	31480	-10.0		31480	-10.0	548
Isramco	19.0	-10.0	23280000	20.0	-5.2	2689972
IsrCorp1	28634	-9.2	4200	31553		3533
IsrCorp5	23226	-6.0	2170	24708		892
IsChem	204	-10.0	2610000	215	-5.3	580431
IDB	997	-4.5	428400	1026	-1.7	203498
IDBDev	58679	-5.0	5370	59914	-3.0	800
ILDC	1105	-10.0	181200	1167	-5.0	97547
JEC	1321	-10.0	132000	1409	-4.0	25546
JOEL	253	-10.0	630000	266	-5.3	165134
Kardan5	513	-10.0	82500	513	-10.0	22021
Kitan	1071	-3.7	278000	1107	-0.5	37568
Klill	2694	-2.0	8800	2749		7301
Koor	18958	-6.7	34800	19720	-3.0	7116
Leumi	312	-4.0	1218000	317	-2.5	581687
LeumiW2	9.6	-37.0	1260000	10.0	-34.8	385610
Lifshiz1	283	-5.5	140000	299		20731
Makhtesh	1438	-3.7	433500	1487	-0.5	81700
Malibu5	883	-9.7	102000	880	-10.0	
Maman	737	-4.7	117000	743	-4.0	33152
Merit1	2782	-8.5	28700	2827	-7.0	11858
Mashov	710	-6.5	52900	719	-5.3	16226
Mehadrin	14554	-5.7	1080	14786	-4.2	1533
MeirEzra	5060	-10.0	15000	5622		8009
Mivtah	1340	-10.0		1340	-10.0	
Multlock	1812	-4.2	51000	1797	-5.0	21871
MGN5	7997	-9.5	1260	7997	-9.5	2483
MLL1	424	-9.5	27500	427	-9.0	44813
NatoilDS	51.0	-7.0	400000	54.0	-1.8	197959
Ocif	7871	-8.2	4000	7936	-7.5	4537
Ormat	774	-9.5	54000	795	-7.0	51449
Osem	1731	-5.5	102000	1832		68381
OsemW1						
PazoilEx	217	-10.0	140000	219	-9.1	92794
Pecker	15238	-9.0	120	15071	-10.0	
Periclas	2537	-5.0	131400	2564	-4.0	32190
Petrchem	620	-1.7	33000	629	-0.3	27913
Piryon	13223	-10.0	540	13223	-10.0	3502
PolgatB	534	-4.0	52000	539	-3.1	40240
Poseidon	173.0	-2.2	24000	174.0	-1.7	240031
Rogosin	3010	-9.5	1000	3010	-9.5	12201
SelaPump	206	-9.5	770000	210	-7.9	222988
SupersIB	5661	-5.2	26400	5796	-3.0	17011
Tamboue	724	-1.0	82500	731		32500
Tempo1	1212	-7.7	33600	1248	-5.0	37086
Teva	70916	-3.7	13470	72205	-2.0	4061
TevaC	396	-3.2	132000	399	-2.4	41213
Tibnveal	819	-8.7	7500	834	-7.0	3767
TAT5	624	-6.0	35000	664		
Urdan 0.	343		6000	343		51173
Yaad	923	-10.0	22500	923	-10.0	
Ytong	842	-3.0	267500	868		77585

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INTERNATIONAL STOCK PRICES

No securities increase on Two-Sided Index

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET

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Two-Sided Index	Maof Index	Karam Index
172.30 -5.73%	173.52 -5.68%	178.09 -4.40%

THE pessimists feared another day of declines.

What they got yesterday was a major tidal wave which shook the market.

The Two-Sided declined 5.73 percent, the Maof 5.68% and the Karam by 4.4%.

Total turnover was NIS 258 million.

The dominant feature of the tidal wave was its extent.

Not one single security on the Two-Sided market managed to post a price rise, and only 49 out of 796 on the Karam market closed on an uptick.

Worse, blue chips were dumped unceremoniously, and their price declined 10% – the full extent allowed under the present trading system.

Included in this not so exclusive group were: Israel Chemicals, Jerusalem Economic Corporation, First International Bank 1, Poalim Investments and ILDC.

Other blue chips posted impressive, although somewhat smaller, declines. Koor was down 6.7%, Dead Sea Works dropped 8.2%, IDB Development fell 5%, Agis was down 9%, Bezek decreased 5.1% and Elite was down 9%.

There was massive dumping of securities by the general public, the mutual funds and the portfolio managers, who had to repay their customers – who finally broke and wanted to take what was left of the money and run.

According to estimates mentioned in the corridors of the stock exchange, redemptions of mutual funds amounted to more than NIS 150 million.

The motto was sell at any cost. What was heard on the street was even worse – the stock market is finished and the man on the street wants out.

The institutionals stayed out of the market and watched. Only in the last half hour of trading, during the last round of trading, did they materialize and buy securities, contributing to the increase in turnover.

This provoked some bitter reactions on the part of portfolio managers, who said the big boys could have helped stabilize the market.

Many brokers were comparing this day to the famous black days of 1983, even though many of them were not around when it occurred.

The comparison seems excessive. The market did come down by significant percentages from its highs.

The Two-Sided has declined 33% since its high of mid-January; the Karam dropped nearly 50% since early February.

The problem seems to reside in the internal functioning of the stock market.

Since the beginning of the year, selectivity seems to have disappeared. The bulk of the securities was either going up or down.

Furthermore, investors seemed to be reacting to events and not anticipate them. With all the talk of the peace dividend, there has not been one decent study of the likely or possible impact of peace on the economy.

Analysts are complaining that general managers of listed corporations tell them fairy tales when asked about developments affecting their companies. It can only be hoped that the market will find the energy and the will to adjust and adapt to the new situation.

FTSE closes 11.6 points higher after early 18.3-point gain

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuter) – Shares ended well below the day's highs following a late downturn in gilts and German Bunds (government bonds), but traders and strategists said the underlying tone was for further recovery after last month's sharp falls.

The FTSE 100 gained 11.6 to close at 3,009.4 after an afternoon high of 3,016.1.

FRANKFURT - German share prices finished floor trade firmer, but thin turnover dashed hopes of any stronger recovery.

The 30-share DAX index closed up 14.68 points at 2,163.07.

PARIS - French shares closed lower as investors consolidated after two days of gains. The medium-term outlook was still downward, reflecting bond market concerns over continued high rates.

Some operators were using each rally to sell into strength. The CAC-40 index slid 4.59, or 0.22 percent, to 2,037.15.

ZURICH -Swiss shares ended broadly firmer in high volume. Dealers said a good demand in index futures pulled the market up.

A firmer opening in US bonds added to the positive sentiment in late trading. The all-share SPI rose 28.85 to 1,821.03.

TOKYO - Tokyo stocks ended sharply lower in thin trade on arbitrage-linked selling and sales by financial institutions. The Nikkei average ended down 227.54 points, or 1.09%, at 20,726.65.

HONG KONG - Share prices ended higher on renewed demand as investors saw only a modest impact from government plans to curb housing prices. The blue-chip Hang seng index ended the day up 148.76 points, or 1.61%, at 9,383.03 points.

SYDNEY - The Australian stock market closed lower after a plunging gold index unraveled early gains. The All Ordinaries index closed 6.1 points lower at 2,072.5.

JOHANNESBURG - South African shares finished lower across the board in mostly low-volume trade as the market nervously watched gold fall below $380 an ounce.

The overall index was off 38 at 5,462, industrial index down 38 at 6,539 and gold index off 35 at 1,923.

Dow ends lower after late profit-taking wipes out gains

WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (Reuter) – Blue-chip stocks closed slightly lower yesterday after profit-taking wiped out gains of more than 20 points that were spurred by another drop in long-term interest rates.

The Dow Jones industrial average was off 3.70 points at 3,768.52, based on early and unofficial data.

But in the broader market, advancing issues beat out declines 13-8 on moderate trading of 251 million shares on the New York Stock Exchange.

In the Treasury bond market, the yield on the key 30-year issue fell to 7.21 percent from 7.27% at Friday's close.

The yield, which has dropped steadily recently, stood at 7.44% last Tuesday, when commodities prices rose sharply.

CURRENCY CROSS-RATES

	MARK	STERLING	YEN	SFr	FFr
MARK	—	0.3970/73	63.03/06	0.8464/67	3.4099/04
STERLING	2.5175/85	—	158.70/82	2.1357/74	8.5831/05
YEN	1.5851/71	0.6295/03	—	1.3449/68	5.4049/28
SFr	1.1781/80	0.4678/82	74.28/33	—	4.0169/10
FFr	0.2931/34	0.1164/65	18.46/51	0.2487/89	—

Prices from 23:00 local time

Knicks finish Pacers, head to finals

NEW YORK (AP) – Patrick Ewing, intent on getting the New York Knicks into the NBA Finals for the first time in his career, played a career game to get them there Sunday night.

Ewing's rebound dunk put the Knicks ahead with 26 seconds left, and they advanced to the championship round against Houston with a 94-90 victory over Indiana. He finished with 24 points, 22 rebounds and 11 offensive rebounds.

The Knicks' 4-3 victory in the Eastern Conference finals was built on effort, especially by Ewing, who appeared to win the game by sheer force of will. New York had 28 offensive rebounds – two short of the NBA playoff record – and they outrebounded the Pacers 51-29.

Live on 5

The first game of the Knicks-Rockets series will be shown live on Sports Channel 5 Thursday morning at 4:00. Repeat broadcasts of that match will be aired that same day at 7:00 and 18:15.

"We were working for the jump shot," Ewing said. "I told coach, 'Forget all that stuff, and give me the ball. If we're going to lose, let me lose it.'"

John Starks scored 17 points and Derek Harper 16 for the Knicks. Reggie Miller, the hero of Indiana's Game 5 victory with 25 fourth-quarter points, finished with 25 points while Byron Scott had 17.

The Knicks, while improving their postseason record at Madison Square Garden to 9-1, increased to 19 the number of consecutive games won by the home team in seventh games of NBA playoff series. The last road team to win a Game 7 was Philadelphia, which won at Boston in the 1982 Eastern Conference finals.

The Knicks will face a Rockets team that made the finals in 1981 and 1986, but lost to Boston in six games both times. The series begins tomorrow night at Houston.

By making the finals for the first time since 1973, when they won the second of two NBA championships, the Knicks gave coach Pat Riley a chance for his fifth title. Riley's four championships with the Los Angeles Lakers place him third on the career coaching list behind Red Auerbach's nine and John Kundla's five.

The Knicks, holding Indiana to 28 percent shooting in the third quarter, rallied after trailing by 12 late in the period.

Derrick McKey's 3-pointer that was released with one second left on the shot clock gave Indiana a 74-69 lead with 10:38 remaining. A layup by Anthony Mason, a 3-pointer by Harper and a layup by Harper after a court-length pass by Ewing gave New York a 76-74 edge.

New York made it 85-80 with consecutive layups by Starks and Mason, but the Pacers kept up the pressure with 3-pointers by Miller and McKey, closing them to an 87-86 deficit.

Consecutive jumpers by Ewing and Miller made it 89-88 before a miss by Rik Smits and 24-second second violation by New York gave the Pacers the ball with 47 seconds to go. The Knicks then left Dale Davis wide open under the basket and Haywoode Workman found him for an easy layup and a 90-89 edge.

Ewing, who also had seven assists, then put the Knicks ahead for good with his rebound dunk. Miller's next shot missed the rim, and Davis failed to control the rebound.

Miller's hard foul on Starks was called a flagrant foul, giving him two free throws and possession to New York. Starks made one of the free throws, but the Pacers had to foul him again, and he made both this time to seal the victory.

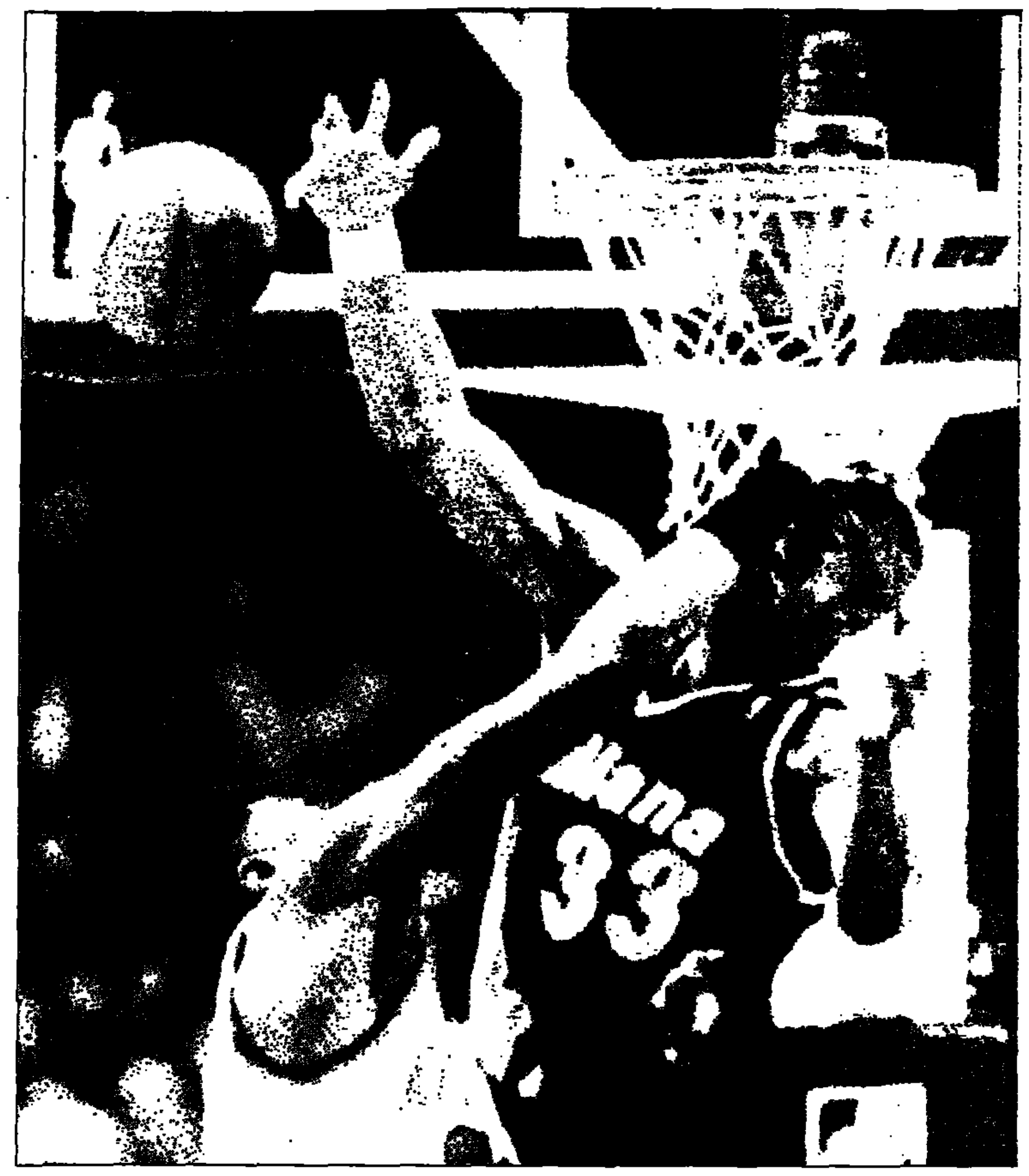
After Ewing started the second half with a free throw to bring the Knicks within three, they missed six straight shots, while the Pacers scored eight consecutive points for a 59-48 lead. Indiana later extended the margin to 65-53, their largest of the game, with 4:39 left in the third quarter.

But the Pacers missed nine consecutive field-goal attempts in a span of 6:25 as New York came back with a 14-4 spurt, closing the deficit to 69-67 with 30 seconds left. Davis finally broke the drought with a rebound dunk with 2.2 seconds to go, leaving the Pacers with a 71-67 lead.

Indiana, shooting 43 percent for the series, made 21 of 31 shots (68 percent) in the first half, but led just 51-47 as the Knicks grabbed 14 offensive rebounds, five more than their total of nine in the previous two games.

New York got its ninth offensive rebound at the 9:06 mark of the second quarter, leading to a jumper by Hubert Davis that gave the Knicks their largest lead of the first half, 30-24.

Then Scott took over, scoring 13 points and making all five of his shots during a 19-8 run.



ROUGH PLAY – Indiana's Antonio Davis (r) is hit on the head by the Knicks' Patrick Ewing. (Reuter)

Lara smashes 1st-class record

LONDON (Reuter) - West Indies batsman Brian Lara smashed the world record for the highest innings in first-class cricket with 501 not out for Warwickshire yesterday.

Lara's score, made on the fourth and final day of the county championship match against Durham at Edgbaston, Birmingham, beat the previous mark of 499 by Pakistani Hanif Mohammed for Karachi against Bahawalpur in the 1958-59 season. Lara, dropped by Durham wicket-keeper Chris Scott when he had scored only 18 on the second day of the rain-hit game, reached the landmark with a cover driven four off occasional bowler John Morris.

Trinidadian left-hander Lara, on 111 overnight, also broke the world record for the most runs in a day – 345 by Australian Charlie Macartney against Notinghamshire at Trent Bridge in 1921.

During the course of his unbeaten 501 Lara, playing his first summer of county cricket, also reached 1,000 first-class runs for the English season in just seven innings – another record.

Lara's triumph comes less than two months after he stroked the world record Test score of 375, against England in Antigua. He has now hit seven centuries in his last eight first-class innings.

England wins Test

NOTTINGHAM (Reuter) – England mopped up New Zealand's tail before lunch on the final day of the first Test yesterday to win by an impressive innings and 90 runs.

The inexperienced New Zealand side was all out for 226 in their second innings after scoring 251 in the first. England, comfortable on an easy batting wicket, had scored 567-8 when they declared during Sunday's morning session.

Phillip DeFreitas took two of the final three New Zealand wickets standing overnight to finish with five wickets in the innings and career-best match figures of 9-165.

But it was paceman Angus Fraser who broke the stubborn eighth-wicket stand between Adam Parore and Matthew Hart, which lasted more than two hours and produced 54 runs.

Nearly half-an-hour into the morning session Fraser produced a fine ball which straightened back into the left-handed Hart and pinned him lbw for 22.

DeFreitas came on to bowl shortly afterwards in place of Devon Malcolm and quickly showed the fine form he had displayed throughout the match with both bat and ball.

Parore survived a vociferous appeal for a catch off his second ball and an lbw shout two balls later. The next ball he was dropped in the gully by Craig White, who fumbled an apparently easy catch straight to his chest.

DeFreitas, who celebrated his England comeback with 51 not out on Sunday, did not have to wait long for more success, having Dion Nash caught behind off an inside edge.

The end came for New Zealand when the gallant Parore on 42 snicked a DeFreitas outswinger to Steve Rhodes for the wicket-keeper to take his sixth catch of the match.

Former England captain Graham Gooch, who turns 41 next month, was named man of the match for his confident innings of 201 which gave the home side a commanding position on the second and third days of the match.

"I'm obviously very happy to have won so convincingly and with the level of our performance," England captain Mike Atherton said afterwards.

"It's a pretty flat pitch to bowl on, so to have dismissed them twice is an achievement – especially as not even one of their top-order batsmen got a big score."

Ray Illingworth, England's new chairman of selectors, was also satisfied.

"People may say that New Zealand are not that strong but you can't ask the players to do any better than they did," he said.

New Zealand captain Ken Rutherford agreed his side had not come up to scratch.

"It's very disheartening that we failed to compete," he said. "The players are feeling fairly low, of course. Our all-round game is not good enough at the moment."

The second match in the three-Test series begins at Lord's on June 16.

World Cup keepers dare to be different

BUENOS AIRES (AP) – Some love to fly from post to post and rarely stray from the goal. Others prefer to sally forth and block the play, using their feet instead of their hands.

The contrast between the traditional goalkeeper and the goalkeeper-player is far from new. In the World Cup it will be more in evidence than ever before.

While Argentina's Sergio Goycochea and Italy's Gianluca Pagliaro seem tied to the goalline, Mexico's Jorge Campos and Colombia's Oscar Cordoba play most of the game outside the penalty area.

And keepers like Michel Preud'homme of Belgium, Andoni Zubizarreta of Spain or Carlos Trucco of Bolivia prefer a cautious, middle-of-the-road attitude between the two styles.

Campos and Cordoba are the chief exponents of the go-forward style, which has gained growing numbers of converts since rules were changed to ban the keeper from handling backpasses.

"Campos is the model goalkeeper of the 21st century," said Cesar Menotti, coach of 1978 World Cup champion Argentina after seeing Campos play in the 1993 Copa America.

The Mexican keeper, who sometimes joins the attack, is so far the most skilled of the field-playing goalkeepers. He plays fullback outside the penalty area for most of the game.

This development affects the play, leaving a defender free to join the midfield or the attack and put more pressure on the opposing team.

On the other hand, keepers like Campos and Cordoba are vulnerable to long high balls which force them to scramble back to the penalty area.

An error usually means a goal. In the 1990 World Cup, Cameroon forward Roger Milla stole the ball from Rene Higuita and scored to eliminate Colombia from the tournament.

Cameroon has picked up on the Higuita style, having their own Joseph Bell, who despite being 39 likes to leave his goal.

TA gears for State Cup Final

DEREK FATTAL

TEL AVIV is ablaze with cup fever as its two soccer titans, Hapoel and Maccabi, add the finishing touches to their preparations for this evening's showcase occasion of the local sporting calendar, the State Cup Soccer final.

The National Stadium Ramat Gan is guaranteed to be brimming with color as Red takes on Gold in front of a packed house of over 40,000 fans. Roads to the stadium are likely to be heavily congested several hours before the 7 pm kick-off.

The countdown to the derby final has completely split families and friends in the soccer-crazed city. The fixture is a repeat of the 1983 and 1988 contests for the silver trophy. Hapoel won the 1983 match 3-2, aided by a memorable goal scored straight from a corner kick by its current manager Moshe Sinai. Maccabi took the Cup to the other side of the city with a 2-1 victory in the later encounter. The teams also fought in two finals in the '30s, and another in 1941 before meeting again in 1967. Each side has won three of these meetings.

Hapoel has emerged victorious finalist eight times, with Maccabi well ahead in the honors' stakes with 17 trophy-wins to its credit since the competition began in 1928.

Neither side has laid its hands on the Cup since the last two derby finals, and Maccabi was beaten finalist the last two years.

Today's match is evenly poised, with Maccabi perhaps having a slight advantage.

For those who believe in fate, Hapoel's name looks more likely to engraved on the winner's plate for 1993-94, as the club's last few wins occurred in 1960-61, 1971-72, and 1982-83.

In addition to becoming the city's pride, the winner will go to the lucrative European Cup Winners' Cup.

Baseball 'Dream Team' voted down

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (AP) – There will be no baseball Dream Team at the Atlanta Olympics.

The International Baseball Association on Sunday narrowly rejected a proposal that would have allowed professional baseball players to represent their countries in official IBA events, including the Olympics.

In a vote taken at a special meeting called to decide whether to delete any reference to the word amateur from the IBA constitution and by-laws, 48 members voted to reword the eligibility requirements and 28 opposed the change.

A two-thirds majority, or 51 of the 76 countries represented, would have been needed to pass the motion.

"USA Baseball is very disappointed with the outcome of the vote," said Richard Case, the organization's executive director and chief operating officer. "We feel that baseball worldwide would benefit from the use of professional athletes in the Olympics Games.

Sanchez slams Pierce

BARCELONA (Reuter) – Spain's Arantxa Sanchez Vicario, the new French Open women's tennis champion, yesterday slammed her final opponent Mary Pierce for arrogance before the match and said her victory was a smack in the face for the French player.

Sanchez Vicario, the world number two, took her second French title with a 6-4 6-4 win in Sunday's final over 12th-ranked Pierce, who had delighted the Paris crowd by ousting reigning champion Steffi Graf of Germany in the semifinals for the loss of just four games.

"When she beat Steffi she seemed to think that she had it sewn up but she had one more match to play to be champion," Sanchez Vicario told reporters on her return home.

"My victory gave Mary Pierce a smack in the face and now she should have a bit more respect for her opponents."

Sanchez Vicario said both Pierce and the French press seemed to think triumph in the final was a foregone conclusion after her demolition of opponents in the early rounds and her stunning win over Graf.

"After all she said, I think all she achieved was to put pressure on herself. When she gets to be world number two, she can talk," Sanchez Vicario said.

Referring to Spain's sweeping success at Roland Garros, with Sergi Bruguera retaining the men's title in an all-Spanish final against Alberto Berasetegui and Jacobo Diaz winning the junior final, she said: "We knew we had first-class clay-court players but no one imagined we would win three titles."

Red-hot Braves sweep Dodgers

ATLANTA (AP) – Jeff Blauser's two-out, two-run double capped a four-run rally in the eighth inning and the Atlanta Braves beat the Los Angeles Dodgers 6-5 Sunday for their sixth straight win.

The Dodgers were swept in three-game series and have lost four in a row overall. Atlanta is 6-0 against Los Angeles this season and 18-1 against NL West opponents.

The Braves trailed 5-2 when David Justice opened the eighth by drawing a walk from Al Osuna. Darren Dreifort (0-4) relieved and walked Terry Pendleton and gave up a single to Javier Lopez, loading the bases.

Mark Lemke had an RBI forceout, making it 5-3. Lemke, however, was picked off first by Dreifort.

Dave Gallagher then singled, scoring Pendleton. Roberto Kelly followed with a single and after Todd Worrell relieved, Blauser drove a double to the wall in left-center field.

Mark Wohlers (5-0) earned the victory with 1⅔ scoreless innings.

Expos 10, Cubs 5 (13)

Pinch-hitter Freddie Benavides tripled home the go-ahead run in the 13th inning and Sean Berry had a three-run homer as Chicago suffered its sixth straight loss.

Montreal won its fourth straight game. The Cubs tied the game at 4 with a run in the ninth, and both teams left the bases loaded in the 10th.

Randy Milligan led off the Montreal 13th with a double against Dave Otto (0-1) and scored on Benavides' triple for a 5-4 lead. One out later, Mike Lansing hit an RBI double. With two outs, Berry hit his third home run of the season for a 9-4 lead.

Gil Heredia (1-2) pitched three scoreless innings.

Astros 4, Phillies 2

Darryl Kile allowed five hits in eight innings.

Kile (4-2) retired 10 straight at one point, and struck out two and walked three. John Hudek got three outs for his eighth save.

Mike Williams (2-2) went 4⅔ innings, giving up three runs and four hits.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Royals 3, Yankees 1

Kevin Appier combined with two relievers on a seven-hitter as visiting Kansas City Royals completed a sweep.

Appier (5-5) walked two and struck out seven in 7⅔ innings before being relieved by Mike Magnante. Rusty Meacham pitched the ninth for his second save.

The Royals three-game sweep was their first in New York since July 15-17, 1978.

Paul O'Neill, who went 2-for-4, drove in the Yankees' run with a single in the sixth.

Jim Abbott (6-4) threw 40 pitches in the first when the Royals collected five hits and scored three times.

Rangers 10, Red Sox 7

Jose Canseco capped an outstanding weekend with his fourth home run in three days, a three-run shot in the 10th inning.

Canseco went 10-for-13, scored 10 runs and had 10 RBIs as the Rangers collected 45 hits and outscored Boston 33-13 for their first sweep in Fenway Park since April 17-19, 1984.

Ivan Rodriguez walked to open the 10th against Jeff Russell (0-3) but was forced at second on Este Beltre's attempted sacrifice. One out later, Oddibe McDowell walked, and Canseco lofted a high drive into the screen in left-center for his 15th homer.

Jay Howell (3-1) closed out a Red Sox threat in the ninth and pitched the 10th for the win.

Orioles 8, White Sox 5

Cal Ripken's RBI single brought in the go-ahead run in host Baltimore's four-run seventh inning.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	35	18	.660	–
Montreal	32	22	.593	3½
Florida	28	27	.509	8
New York	26	28	.481	9½
Philadelphia	26	30	.464	10½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	32	23	.582	–
Cincinnati	31	24	.564	1
St. Louis	28	25	.528	3
Pittsburgh	23	30	.434	8
Chicago	22	32	.407	9½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Los Angeles	29	27	.518	–
San Francisco	26	30	.464	3
Colorado	25	29	.463	3
San Diego	19	37	.339	10

SUNDAY'S NL RESULTS:
Atlanta 6, Los Angeles 5
San Francisco 10, St. Louis 3
Houston 4, Philadelphia 2
Cincinnati 9, New York 6 (10)
Pittsburgh 4, Colorado 3
Montreal 10, Chicago 5 (13)
Florida 10, San Diego 5

SUNDAY'S AL RESULTS:
Texas 10, Boston 7 (10)
Detroit 5, Minnesota 3
Kansas City 3, New York 1
Baltimore 8, Chicago 5
California 3, Milwaukee 1
Toronto 5, Seattle 4
Cleveland 8, Oakland 1

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	33	19	.635	–
Boston	31	22	.585	2½
Baltimore	29	24	.547	4½
Detroit	26	27	.491	7½
Toronto	26	28	.481	8

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	32	20	.615	–
Cleveland	30	21	.588	1½
Kansas City	28	25	.528	4½
Minnesota	27	26	.509	5½
Milwaukee	23	31	.426	10

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
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California	24	32	.429	3½
Seattle	22	32	.407	4½
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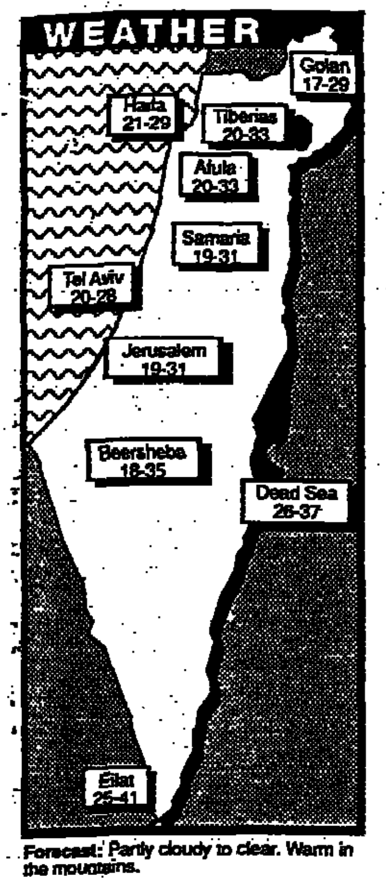

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MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

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TELEVISION

PENNY STARR

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The Tuesday night battle for ratings hots up a degree or two. Not only does the New Channel 2 cop series *NYPD* compete with *Seinfeld* on Channel 3 (both start at 10:10), but now Channel 1 has joined in the race by moving *Roseanne* from 9 to 10. The decision about what to watch and what to tape has a new twist: what to miss.

FILMS

ADINA HOFFMAN

★★★ THE PAPER – A high-caffeine romp around the newsroom of a fictitious New York tabloid, Ron Howard's film uncannily approximates the best and worst traits of the muckraking dailies it honors. Like *The New York Post* and *Daily News* – both expressly designed to be read, bleary-eyed, on a bouncing subway car – *The Paper* is best at its lightest and least profound. With Michael Keaton, Glenn Close and Robert Duvall. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Children under 17 not admitted without an adult)

★★★★ WOMAN SESAME OIL MAKER – In a gentle, lyric manner, director Xie Fei paints a miniature of modern China in the form of a singular woman, a middle-aged villager who operates a small sesame-oil business. The film also tells a wrenchingly private horror story in which stubborn pride and unspoken expectation take the place of ghosts. (Mandarin dialogue, Hebrew and English subtitles. Not recommended for children)

CINEMA

JERUSALEM

CINEMATHEQUE ☎ 724131 **The Age of Innocence** 7 ★ **She Wore a Yellow Ribbon** 9:30 G.G. GIL **Jerusalem Mall (Malha)** ☎ 788448 **Naked Gun 33⅓** 1:30, 5, 8, 10 ★ **Grumpy Old Men** □ **The Paper** 1:30, 5, 7:45, 10 ★ **Pelican Brief** ★ **Schindler's List** 1:30, 5, 8:30 ★ **Max and Morris** 1:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ **Kalifornia** 1:30, 5, 7:30, 10 ★ **In the Name of the Father** 1:30, 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 ORION OR 1-6 ☎ 252914 4 Shamai St. **Little Buddha** 9:15 ★ **A Stranger Among Us** 5, 7:15 ★ **Intersection** □ **The Woman who Made Sesame Oil** □ **Orlando** 5, 7:15, 9:30 ★ **The House of the Spirits** 6:30, 9 RAV CHEN 1-7 ☎ 792799 **Credit Card Reservations** ☎ 794477 Rav-Mecher Building, 19 Ha'oman St., Talpiot **Angie** □ **Blink** □ **Malice** 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ **Lightning Jack** □ **My Father the Hero** 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ **Shadowlands** 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 ★ **Kika** 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 RON 1-2 ☎ 234704 1 Rabbi Akiva St. **Philadelphia** □ **Hear No Evil** 5, 7:15, 9:30

TEL AVIV

CINEMATHEQUE ☎ 6917181 **Brzezina** 7 RAV-CHEN ☎ 5282288° Dizengoff Center **Lightning Jack** 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ **Blink** □ **Angie** 11, 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ **Hear No Evil** 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ **Malice** 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ **Aristocats** *(Hebrew dialogue)* □ **Mrs. Doubtfire** 7:30, 9:45 DIZENGOFF 1-3 ☎ 200485 Dizengoff Center **Blanc** □ **Bleeding Romeo** 11, 1, 3, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45 ★ **The Piano** 11, 3, 7 ★ **Belle Epoque** 1, 5:15, 9:45 DRIVE-IN ☎ 6423080 **Tombstone** 10 ★ **Sex Film** 12 midnight GAN HA'IR 71 Ibn Gabirol St. **The Blue Kite** 2:15, 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 ★ **Little Buddha** 2:30, 4:45, 7:30, 10 GAT ☎ 6967888° 26 Ibn Gabirol St. **Shadowlands** 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 GORDON ☎ 5236992 87 Ben Yehuda St. **The Unbelievable Truth** 6:30, 10 ★ **Trust** 8 HAKOLNOA ZOA HOUSE ☎ 6959341 26 Ibn Gabirol St. **The Blue Kite** 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 G.G. HOD 1–4 ☎ 5228090 Hod Passage, 101 Dizengoff St. **Grumpy Old Men** 5, 7:30, 10 ★ **Fearless** 4:45, 7:30, 10 ★ **Max and Morris** 5, 7:45, 10 ★ **Pelican Brief** 4:45, 7:30, 10 LEV 1-4 ☎ 5288288 **Kalifornia** 12:15, 2:15, 5, 7:30, 10 ★ **Fan Fan** 12, 6:15 ★ **Kika** 12, 2, 4:45, 7:30, 9:45 ★ **Farewell to my Concubine** 2, 7:30 ★ **Naked** 2, 5, 10 MAXIM **The Age of Innocence** 7:15, 9:30 RAV-OR 1-5 ☎ 5102674° Opera House **Angie** □ **My Father the Hero** 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ **Short Cuts** 5:30, 9 ★ **Age of Innocence** □ **Remains of the Day** 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 G.G. SHAHAF 1-2 ☎ 5271645 Kikar Namir **Schindler's List** 5, 8:45 ★ **Benny and Joon** 5, 7:45, 10 G.G. TAYELET 1-3 ☎ 5177952 2 Yona Hanavi St., **Intersection** 5, 7:30, 10 ★ **In the Name of the Father** □ **The Paper** 5, 7:30, 10 G.G. TEL AVIV ☎ 5281181 65 Pinsker St. **Naked Gun 33⅓** 5:30, 8, 10 ★ **The Paper** □ **In the Name of the Father** 5, 7:30, 10 TEL AVIV MUSEUM ☎ 6961297 27 Shaul Hamelekh Boulevard **The Woman Who Made Sesame Oil** 5, 7:45, 10 ZAFON ☎ 5443966 18 Louis Marshall St. **Baraka** 5, 7:30, 9:45

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HAIFA

ATZMON **Naked Gun 33⅓** □ **Baraka** □ **Intersection** □ **Fearless** 4:30, 7, 9:15 ★ **In the Name of the Father** 4:15, 6:45, 9:15 CINEMATHEQUE ☎ 332294 **Itzik Finkelstein's Revenge** 7 ★ **Black Box** 9:30 CINEMA CAFÉ AMAMI ☎ 325755 **The Woman Who Made Sesame Oil** 7 ★ **Pelican Brief** 9:15 ★ **The Beverly Hillbillies** 7 ★ **Remains of the Day** 9:15 CINEMA CAFÉ MORIAH ☎ 242477 **Kalifornia** 7:30, 9:30 ORLY **Shadowlands** 6:45, 9:15 PANORAMA **The Paper** 4:30, 7, 9:30 ★ **Schindler's List** 5, 8:30 ★ **White** 4:30, 7, 9:30 □ □ RAV-GAT 1-2 ☎ 674311 **Blink** 4:30, 7, 9:15 ★ **Lightning Jack** □ **Blink** 4:45, 7, 9:15 ★ **Shadowlands** □ **Philadelphia** 4:30, 6:45, 9:15 ★ **Malice** 4:30, 7, 9:15 RAV-OR 1-3 ☎ 248553 **My Father the Hero** 4:30, 7, 9:15 ★ **Angie** 4:30, 7, 9:15 ★ **Kika** 7, 9:15 ★ **Aristocats** *(Hebrew dialogue)* 4:45

ASHDOD

G.G. GIL **Naked** 5:30, 7:45, 10 ★ **Naked Gun 33⅓** □ **Hear No Evil** 5:30, 8, 10 ★ **Philadelphia** □ **Fearless** 5, 7:30, 10

ASHKELON

RAV CHEN 1-5 ☎ 711223 **Naked Gun 33⅓** □ **Blink** □ **Lightning Jack** 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ **Remains of the Day** 4:30, 7:15, 9:45 ★ **Age of Innocence** 4:30, 7:15, 9:45

BAT YAM

RAV CHEN ☎ 5531077 **Lightning Jack** □ **Naked Gun 33⅓** 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ **My Father the Hero** □ **Malice** □ **Blink** 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ **Shadowlands** 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 ★ **Schindler's List** 5:30, 9

BEERSHEBA

G.G. ESHEL ☎ 274073 **Fearless** 5, 7:30, 10 RAV-NEGEV 1-4 ☎ 235278 **Blink** □ **Grumpy Old Men** 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ **Naked Gun 33⅓** □ **Lightning Jack** 5, 7:30, 9:45

DIMONA

HECHAL HATARBUT ☎ 559450 **Schindler's List** 8

HADERA

LEV 1-4 ☎ 343555 **Blink** 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ **Grumpy Old Men** 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ **Hear No Evil** 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ **Blanc** 5, 7:30, 10

HERZLIYA

COLONY CINEMA 1-2 (MANDARIN) ☎ 6902666 **Malice** □ **Remains of the Day** 7:30, 10 DANIEL HOTEL ☎ 544044 **THE AUDITORIUM Baraka** 7:15, 9:30 STAR ☎ 589068 29 Sokolov St. **Naked Gun 33⅓** 7:30 ★ **Kika** 9:45 ★ **Grumpy Old Men** 7:30, 9:45 ★ **Lightning Jack** 7:30, 9:45

KARMIEL

CINEMA 1–3 ☎ 887277 **Short Cuts** □ **Schindler's List** 5:30, 9 ★ **Wide Saragossa Sea** 7, 9:30

KFAR SAVA

AMAL **Naked** 9:30 G.G. GIL **Naked Gun 33⅓** 5:30, 8, 10 ★ **In the Name of the Father** 4:45, 7:15, 10 ★ **Grumpy Old Men** 5, 7:30, 10 ★ **The Paper** 5, 7:30, 10 ★ **Blink** 5, 7:30, 10 ★ **Philadelphia** 5, 7:30, 10

KIRYAT BIALIK

G.G. KIRYON 1-9 ☎ 779166 **The Secret Garden** 4:45 ★ **Baraka** 7, 9:30 ★ **Max and Morris** □ **Mrs. Doubtfire** □ **Look Who's Talking 2** 4:45 ★ **Naked Gun 33⅓** 4:45, 7, 9:30 ★ **Jungle Book** 4:45 ★ **In the Name of the Father** 7, 9:30 ★ **Grumpy Old Men** 4:45, 7, 9:30 ★ **Malice** 4:45, 7, 9:30 ★ **Intersection** 7, 9:30 ★ **Fearless** 7, 9:30 ★ **Schindler's List** 5:45, 9:15 ★ **The Beverly Hillbillies** 4:45, 7, 9:30

KIRYAT MALACHI

HAKIRYA **The Beverly Hillbillies** 5, 7:30, 9:30 HECHAL HATARBUT ☎ 580526 1 Ben Gurion Boulevard **Schindler's List** 9

KIRYAT ONO

MATNAS **Look Who's Talking Now** 8

MIGDAL HA'EMEK

RAV CHEN **My Father the Hero** □ **Hear No Evil** 7, 9:30 ★ **Schindler's List** 5:30, 9

NAHARIYA

HOD ☎ 920502 **Remains of the Day** 7, 9:30

NESS ZIONA

G.G. GIL 1-4 ☎ 404729 **Naked Gun 33⅓** 5:30, 8, 10 ★ **The Paper** 5, 7:30, 10 ★ **Grumpy Old Men** 5, 7:30, 10 ★ **In the Name of the Father** 5, 7:30, 10

NETANYA

G.G. GIL 1-5 ☎ 628452 **Naked Gun 33⅓** 5:30, 8, 10 ★ **In the Name of the Father** □ **Grumpy Old Men** □ **Kalifornia** 5, 7:30, 10 ★ **The Paper** 5, 7:45, 10 RAV-CHEN 1-4 ☎ 618570 **My Father the Hero** □ **Blink** □ **Angie** 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ **Lightning Jack** 5, 7:30, 9:45

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G.G. GIL **Max and Morris** 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ **Schindler's List** 8 ★ **The Beverly Hillbillies** 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ **The Secret Garden** 5 ★ **Malice** 5, 7:30, 9:45

PETAH TIKVA

G.G. HECHAL 1-3 ☎ 9300844 **Lightning Jack** 5:30, 8, 10 ★ **Naked Gun 33⅓** 5:30, 8, 10 ★ **Grumpy Old Men** 5, 7:30, 10 G. G. RAM 1-3 ☎ 9340818 **In the Name of the Father** 5, 7:30, 10 ★ **Blanc** 5, 7:30 ★ **Schindler's List** 5, 8:30

RA'ANANA

PARK **My Father the Hero** 7:30, 9:30 ★ **Philadelphia** □ **The Paper** 7:30, 9:45 ★ **Shadowlands** 7:30, 10 ★ **Kika** 7:30, 9:30

RAMAT GAN

RAV-GAN 1-4 ☎ 797121° **Credit Card reservations 5252244 Angie** □ **Malice** 5, 7:30, 9:45 ★ ★ **In the Name of the Father** 4:30, 7, 9:45 ★ **Shadowlands** 7:15, 9:45 ★ **My Father the Hero** 5 RAV-OASIS 1-3 ☎ 6730687 **Blink** □ **Naked Gun 33⅓** □ **Lightning Jack** 5, 7:30, 9:45

RAMAT HASHARON

KOKHAV **Schindler's List** 5, 8:45

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HECHAL HATARBUT **The Beverly Hillbillies** 7:45, 9:45

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CHEN 1–4 ☎ 465979 **Lightning Jack** 7:30, 9:45 ★ **Shadowlands** 7 ★ **Short Cuts** 9:30 ★ **Blink** 7:15, 9:45 ★ **Philadelphia** 7, 9:45

RISHON LEZION

NA'AMAN ☎ 941522 **The Good Son** 7:30, 9:45 RAV-CHEN 1–4 ☎ 9670503/7 **My Father the Hero** □ **Angie** □ **Blink** □ **Lightning Jack** 5, 7:30, 9:45 RISHON ☎ 9653230 **Max and Morris** 7:30, 9:45 G.G. RON 1-3 ☎ 9662175 **Malice** □ **Tombstone** 5, 7:15, 9:45 ★ **The Beverly Hillbillies** 5:30, 7:30, 9:45 HAZAHAV **Grumpy Old Men** 4:45, 7:30, 10 ★ **In the Name of the Father** 4:45, 7:30, 10 ★ **The Paper** 4:45, 7:45, 10

RISHON NEW IND. AREA

GAL 1-6 ☎ 9619669 **Lightning Jack** 5, 8, 10 ★ **Naked Gun 33⅓** 5:30, 8, 10 ★ **Blink** 4:45, 7:30, 10 ★ **My Father the Hero** 5:30, 7:45, 10 ★ **Schindler's List** 8 ★ **Look Who's Talking Now** 5 STAR 1-4 ☎ 9619985-7 27 Lishinsky St. **The Beverly Hillbillies** 7:45, 10 ★ **Kika** 7:30, 10 ★ **Philadelphia** 7:15, 10 ★ **Short Cuts** 9:15

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G.G GIL ☎ 06-561332 **Malice** 5, 7:15, 9:45 ★ **In the Name of the Father** 5, 7:30, 10 ★ **Naked Gun 33⅓** □ **Hear No Evil** □ **Romeo is Bleeding** 5:30, 8, 10 ★ **Rain Man** 7:30, 10 ★ **The Secret Garden** 5, 7:15, 9:45 ° **Tone phone reservations 5252244**

FERDNAND

TELEVISION

■ CHANNEL 1

6.30 News in Arabic **6.45** Cartoons **7.00** Good Morning Israel

■ EDUCATIONAL TV

8.00 Program Details **8.05** Keep Fit **8.15** Literature **8.40** Arithmetic **8.55** Literature **9.20** English: Candy Can Do It **9.40** Children's stories **10.00** Arabic stories **10.15** Family Relations **10.45** Hey Dad **11.10** Mathematical Eye **11.30** Eretz Yisrael Geography **11.55** Science **12.15** Talmud **12.40** Language for Bagrut **12.55** Life Sciences **13.10** French: Bienvenue en France **13.25** Literature and Film **14.00** Surprise Train **14.15** Hey Binba **14.30** Secret Valley – adventure series **15.00** News program for children

■ CHANNEL 1

15.35 Tom and Jerry **16.00** News update **16.15** Kids' Court **17.00** A New Evening **17.35** Northwood **18.00** Heathcliff (cartoon) **18.15** News in English

ARABIC PROGRAMS

18.30 News in Arabic **19.00** No details available

HEBREW PROGRAMS

19.30 The Cosby Show **20.00** Mabat **20.55** Live broadcast of Lotto results **21.00** No details available **22.00** Roseanne – comedy series **22.30** Dieppe – part 2 of docu-drama about the battle during World War II. (86 mins) **23.55** Late-night news

■ THE NEW CHANNEL 2

14.05 Spending – Consumerism magazine for youth **14.30** African Skies – adventure series **15.00** Casper and the Angles – adventures of Casper the friendly ghost **15.25** Daffy Duck **15.35** Mike and Angelo **16.00** The Bold and the Beautiful **17.00** News **17.05** This Is It (rpt) **18.00** Alf (comedy) **18.30** Paradise Beach **19.00** Hello? – music program where the home audience can call in and talk to performers in the studio. Video clips will be shown. **19.30** Who's the Boss **20.00** News **20.30** Wheel of Fortune – Hebrew version **21.00** With Dan Margalit **22.15** NYPD – drama series about the New York police force **23.15** With Dan Margalit **23.30** News **23.35** A Small Place **00.00** Gillette Sports Special

■ JORDAN TV (unofficial)

17.30 French programs **19.00** News in French **19.30** News in Hebrew **19.45** Medical Drugs **20.00** News in Arabic **20.30** Step By Step **21.10** Moon Over Miami **22.00** News in English **22.20** The Cape Rebel **23.10** The Second Half (comedy)

■ MIDDLE EAST TV

14.00 700 Club **14.55** Film: When I Grow Up – A boy fulfills his dream by running away to the circus. Staring Bobby Driscoll, Martha Scott **16.30** Mighty Mouse **17.20** Dangermouse **17.45** Superbook **18.10** Musical Artist Documentary **19.10** Rescue 911 **20.00** World News Tonight (Arabic) **20.30** CNN Headline News **21.00** America's Funniest Home Videos **21.30** Star Trek: The Next Generation **22.20** Moon Over Miami **23.10** 700 Club **00.00** Film: When I Grow Up (rpt)

CABLE

■ FAMILY CHANNEL (3)

8.00 Local broadcast **9.00** Attitudes **9.45** The Young and the Restless **10.30** Guests in the Living Room **11.00** Major Dad **11.30** Antonella **12.15** Pasquale's Kitchen **12.40** Falcon Crest **13.35** Perfect Strangers **14.05** Mann and Machine **15.00** Trapper John, M.D. **15.50** Murder She Wrote **16.40** The Powers That Be **17.05** New WKRP In Cincinnati **17.30** Love Boat **18.20** Neighbors **18.45** The Young and the Restless **19.30** Local broadcast **20.00** Antonella **20.50** Falcon Crest **21.40** Cheers **22.10** Seinfeld **22.35** Frasier **23.00** The Trials of Rosie O'Neill **23.50** The Jackie Thomas Show **00.15** Quantum Leap **1.05** Kojak

■ MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

10.30 Hollywood Party (1934) (rpt) **11.40** Short movie **12.40** Head (1968) – psychedelic '60s musical comedy starring The Monkees, directed by Bob Rafelson and written by (!) Jack Nicholson **14.10** A Small Town in Texas (1976) (rpt) **15.45** Jersey Girl (1992) (rpt) **17.20** Short movie **17.35** Days of Heaven (1978) (rpt) **19.15** Sparks: The Price of Passion (1989) (rpt) **21.00** McBain (1991) – Christopher Walken goes to fight a Colombian drug cartel in this action movie directed by James Glickenhaus **22.40** Miami Blues (1990) – Alec Baldwin stars in this thriller about a thief and murderer who arrives in Miami and steals a cop's ID (rpt) **00.15** Close My Eyes (1991) (rpt) **2.05** Henry and June (1990) (rpt)

■ CHILDREN'S CHANNEL (6)

6.30 Cartoons **9.30** Cartoons **10.05** Ninja Turtles **10.30** Three Little Ghosts **11.05** Silver Hawks **11.30** Family Ties **12.00** Little House on the Prairie **12.50** Flying Classroom **13.30** Cartoons **14.05** Casper and Friends **14.30** Piggsburg Pigs **15.05** Silver Hawks **15.30** Harry and the Hendersons **16.00** MacGyver **17.00** Kofiko **17.20** Flying Classroom **17.30** Cartoons **18.05** Ninja Turtles **18.30** Three Little Ghosts **19.00** Perfect Strangers **19.35** Young Indiana Jones

■ SECOND SHOWING (6)

20.35 The Honeymooners **21.00** Love Thy Neighbor **21.30** The Servant (1963) – social satire written by Harold Pinter. An ineffectual young man is gradually debased by his sinister manservant and his sexy "sister." Starring Dirk Bogarde, James Fox and Sarah Miles, directed by Joseph Losey (111 mins) **23.25** Imitation of Life (1959) (rpt)

■ DISCOVERY CHANNEL (8)

6.00 Open University: History **11.00** Equinox **12.00** The Savage Strikes Back **13.00** Extra Dimension **14.00** Open University (repeat of morning's programs) **16.00** Equinox **17.00** The Savage Strikes Back **18.00** Open University (repeat of morning's programs) **20.00** Invention **20.30** Festivals of the World **21.00** Shrimp Fever **22.00** High Interest **23.00** Classic Cars **23.30** On Top of the World **00.00** Open University (repeat of morning's programs)

■ SUPER CHANNEL

6.30 NBC News **7.00** Business Headlines **7.30** NBC News **8.00** ITN World News Live **8.15** US Market Wrap **8.30** CNBC Business Report **9.00** ITN World News **9.15** Market Wrap **9.30** NBC News **10.00** Super Shop **11.00** Geraldo **12.00** Disaster Chronicles **12.30** Equal Time **13.00** Today's Business **14.00** Today **14.30** FT Business Today **15.00** Today **15.30** The Money Wheel **18.30** Business Tonight **19.00** Today **20.00** ITN World News Live **20.30** Adventure **21.30** Frontline **22.30** Champions **23.00** ITN World News Live **23.30** The Tonight Show with Jay Leno **00.30** Real Personal

■ STAR PLUS

7.30 Neighbors **8.00** Santa Barbara **9.00** The Bold and The Beautiful **9.30** Donahue **10.30** Oprah Winfrey **11.30** Yan Can Cook **12.00** Wind in the Willows **12.30** Papa Beaver's Storytime **13.00** Force Five **13.30** Crossbow **14.00** For Your Entertainment **14.30** Neighbors **15.00** M*A*S*H **15.30** Flying Doctors **16.30** Dynasty **17.30** The Bold and The Beautiful **18.00** Santa Barbara **19.00** The Wonder Years **19.30** Doogie Howser, M.D. **20.00** Moonlighting **21.00** M*A*S*H **21.30** E! For Your Entertainment **22.00** Neighbors **22.30** The Wonder Years **23.00** Doogie Howser, M.D. **23.30** Moonlighting **00.30** Donahue

RADIO

■ VOICE OF MUSIC

6.06 Waking to Music **9.00** Schutz: Concerto in form of funeral mass; Bach: Musical Offering BWV1079 ±**10.20** Haydn: Symphony no 42; Mozart: Sinfonia concertante in E flat for violin, viola and orch K364 (Schroeder, McDonald/Smithsonian CO/Schroeder) ±**11.20** Beethoven: Piano sonata no 23 in F minor "Appassionata" (Buchbinder); Grieg: String quartet in G minor op 27 (Orlando Qt); Brahms: 3 Choral Pieces ±**12.30** Bruckner: String quintet in F (Melos); Schoenberg: Erwartung op 17 (Norman/Met Opera/Levine) **14.05** Encore **16.00** Schumann: Fantasiestücke op 12 (Perahia); Bach: Cantata no 4 (Monteverdi, Baroque Soloists/Gardiner); Berg: Violin concerto (Zukerman/London PO/Boulez); Schumann: Symphony no 4 (Vienna PO/Bernstein) **18.00** From the Recording Studio – Irit Rob-Levy (piano), Ora Shiran (violin), Shmuel Magen (cello). Beethoven: Piano trio in D op 70/1; Brahms: Piano trio in B op 8 **19.05** Quantr. Trio-Sonata in D minor for violin, flute and continuo (Ariosti Ens); Mozart: Piano sonata in A K331 (Perahia); Faure: Trio in D minor for piano, violin and cello op 120 (Beaux Arts) **20.03** Palestrina Mirrored in his Time **21.00** A Matter of Agreement **23.00** Golden Generation – Bizet's Carmen, part 1 cond. Sir Thomas Beecham, with Victoria de los Angeles, French Radio choir and orch

■ RADIO 2

6.06 This Morning – news **8.05** Another Matter **9.05** Popular songs **10.05** It's All Talk **12.05** Midday – news, commentary, music **14.05** Magic Moments **15.05** Foreign Affairs **15.45** Foreign Press **16.05** The Color of Money **17.05** Five After the News **18.05** Today – newsreel **19.05** Final of State Cup – live from Ramat Gan Stadium **21.05** News headlines **21.15** Hebrew songs **23.05** Middle of the Night **00.05** Midnight Magazine **00.30** Middle of the Night, continued **1.05** Tuesday Night Club **5.05** First Light

■ RADIO 3

Music all day and night

■ REKA

18.00 News in English **18.15** News in French **20.00** News in Russian

■ ARMY RADIO

5.02 Good Morning IDF **6.00** Announcements **6.05** Broadcast University – The Big Bang Theory **6.30** Good Morning Israel **7.15** A New Morning **8.00** Good Morning Israel **9.05** It's Difficult in the Morning **10.05** Wafers **10.49** Today's Entertainment **11.05** Right Now **13.00** Midday News **13.15** Something for Midday **14.05** A Happy World **15.05** Someone to Talk To **16.00** An Hour Before **17.00** Good Evening Israel **18.05** Economics **18.45** Army and Security **19.05** Music **20.00** Evening news **20.30** Legal matters **21.05** Check 5 **22.05** All That Jazz **23.05** This Was the Day **00.15** Night Birds **2.00** We Don't Want to Sleep

■ ARMY ON WHEELS

7.05 The State on the Way **9.05** Hebrew songs **11.05** Sun **13.05** Air Conditioning **14.05** Battery **15.05** Program with Dubi Lentz **16.05** Driving Wisely **18.05** Program with Lea Oz **20.05** Drive In **22.05** Good Night

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 The citadel's harvest stored in a specially-built silo (9)
9 There's a fall in support for a golfer under instruction (7)
10 Collieries holding back on account of yields (7)
11 Bloomer made by singularly mean individual (7)
12 Spot fruit that's underweight (9)
14 He takes the measure of fools, endlessly kind (8)
15 Grab litter (6)
17 The turk to turn to (male) (7)
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DOWN

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5 Animals bringing food to a holy man (6)
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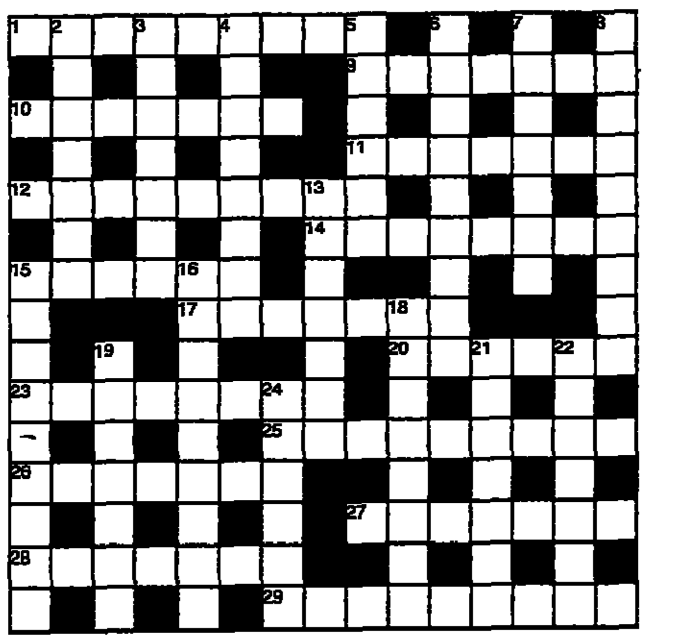
8 Making decrees at discovering misuse (9)
13 Hang around an old German city (7)
15 She doesn't expect to succeed all on her own (2-7)
16 Anti-hunt meeting (9)
18 Converts so gained were not happy (8)
19 Felt in some discomfort again and stretched (7)
21 Work with favoured unit on view (7)
22 Engendering grace in a European (7)
24 Position—give voice about it (6)



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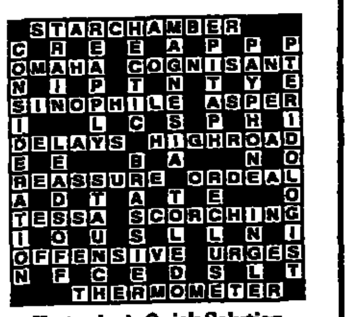

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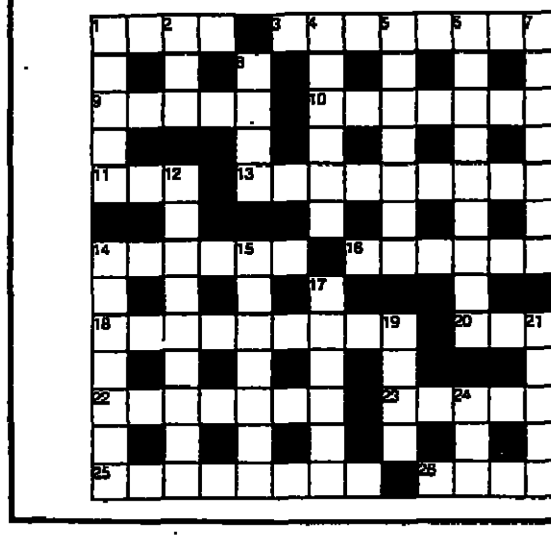
Yesterday's Quick Solution

ACROSS: 1 Subdue, 4 Dizzy, 8 Lilac, 9 Caution, 10 Conquer, 11 Mere, 12 Few, 14 Menu, 15 Also, 18 Spa, 21 Away, 23 Wedlock, 25 Caribou, 26 Roman, 27 Today, 28 Friday.

DOWN: 1 Solace, 2 Balance, 3 Unctuous, 4 Dour, 5 Zaire, 6 Yonder, 7 Scarf, 13 Wanderer, 16 Stormed, 17 Mascot, 19 Awful, 20 Skinny, 22 Acrid, 24 Obey.



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ACROSS

1 Well-versed (4)
3 Water-flows (8)
9 Contest (5)
10 Elan (7)
11 Apex (3)
13 Woodworker (9)
14 Brusque (6)
16 Small piece of land (6)
18 Record (9)
20 Commotion (3)
22 Immature frog (7)
23 Happening (5)
25 Purified (8)
26 Viewed (4)

DOWN

1 Send (5)
2 Fitting (3)
4 Referee (6)
5 Campanologists (7)
6 Tobacco plant (9)
7 Cut (7)
8 Smart (4)
12 Game bird (9)
14 Self-denying (7)
15 Bridge (7)
17 Plan (6)
19 Always (4)
21 Frequently (5)
24 Before (3)

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Two health funds ask Treasury for advance

Maccabi, Meuhedet accuse gov't of discrimination

JUDY SIEGEL

THE Maccabi and Meuhedet health funds, which have never received a state subsidy, yesterday demanded an "advance" of NIS 100 million from the treasury to cover losses "caused by the government's increase of health-worker wages and *per-diem* hospitalization rates."

In letters to Health Minister Ephraim Sneh and Finance Minister Avraham Shohat, Maccabi Director-General Rafi Roter and Meuhedet Director Uzi Salant accused the government of "discriminating" against them. The two funds, the second and third largest, insure a total of 1.3 million residents.

The health fund directors protested against the fact that the government is willing to give Kupat Holim Clalit a no-interest loan of NIS 400 million, but has offered nothing to Maccabi and Meuhedet, which expects to incur their own deficits due to policies reached unilaterally by the government. On Sunday, the Leumit health fund asked the treasury for a NIS 50 million subsidy to help handle its NIS 85m. deficit. Shohat said he would consider this.

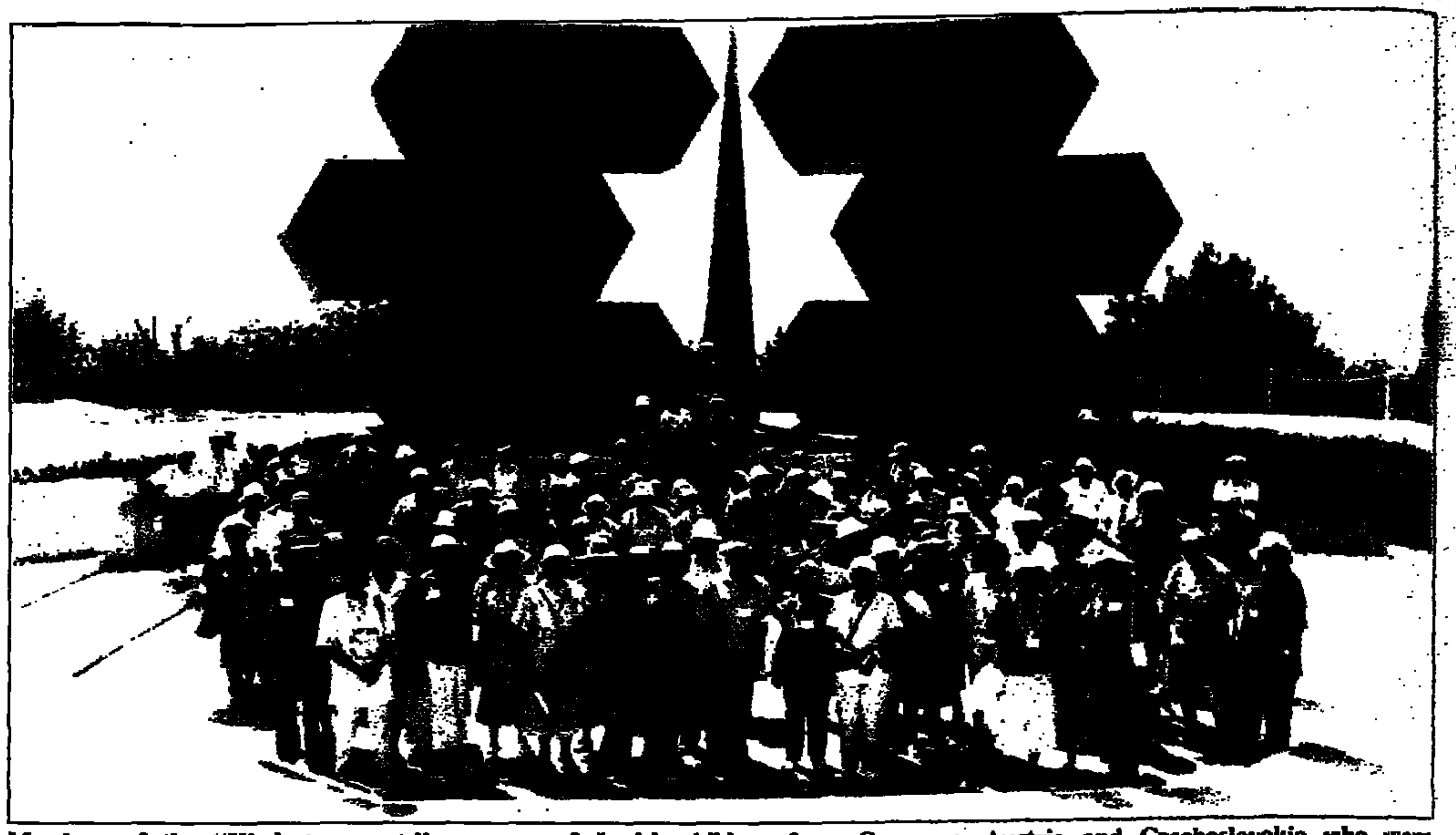
Meanwhile, Haim Baranes, head of the unions of Clalit workers (except for doctors), yesterday called for an urgent meeting of the Histadrut Central Committee to accept the resignation of Clalit's board of directors and to appoint immediately a new interim management headed by Yehuda Barkai, chairman of Clalit's supervisory board.

Baranes attacked the board of directors and accused them of bringing about the health fund's deteriorating financial situation. "Clalit Chairman Prof. Dan Michaeli and Director-General Avigdor Kaplan came to us not to protect it but to destroy it," he said.

Michaeli sent a letter to Shohat, Sneh and outgoing Histadrut Secretary-General Haim Haberfeld informing them that the health fund is willing to take the NIS 400 million treasury loan, but only on condition that the board bears no direct or indirect responsibility for returning the money. Because the loan was returnable and too small, said Michaeli, "we can no longer bear responsibility" for running the health fund.

He asked those members who wish to resign to present it in writing within a few days, and requested a meeting with the two ministers and Haberfeld to "decide about the continued management of the health fund."

In another Kupat Holim development, Bank Leumi yesterday asked for a week's deferment of the court hearing of its suit against Clalit, which it says owes NIS 80 million in short-term debts and NIS 115 million in long-term debts. The Histadrut health fund spokesman said it will present demands for reduction of the debts by NIS 27 million. Clalit claims it was "overcharged" for linkage and compound interest by this amount.



Members of the "Kindertransport," a group of Jewish children from Germany, Austria and Czechoslovakia who were rescued from the Holocaust when they were transferred to Great Britain in 1938 and the beginning of 1939, mark D-Day at Yad Vashem yesterday. The second international gathering of Kindertransport children began its conference yesterday at the Ramada Renaissance Hotel in Jerusalem, where it will continue until June 13. With them was Bill Barazetti Le Monnier, international treasurer of P.E.N., the Poets, Essayists and Novelists organization, who was honored as a Righteous Gentile for rescuing some 600 Jewish children in Czechoslovakia who came on the Kindertransport. (Isaac Harari)

Panel to discuss Clalit loan request today

EVELYN GORDON

THE Knesset finance committee will today begin discussing the government's request to loan Kupat Holim Clalit NIS 400 million.

According to the Treasury, the loan, which will bear the standard interest and linkage, is meant to cover the Histadrut's NIS 100m. debt to Kupat Holim from last year plus an estimated NIS 300m. shortfall in its transfers to the fund this year.

The Histadrut must repay the loan within three months of when Haim Ramon takes power, or face legal action, the Treasury said, in its letter to the committee.

The money for the loan will come from the immigration and absorption budget, since the number of immigrants expected to arrive this year now seems likely to be 11,000 less than were budgeted for. Should more immigrants arrive, however, money for them would be found from some other source, the letter promised.

It is not yet clear whether the committee will actually vote on the request today.

"I don't accept the idea that we should be pressured [to move quickly], when the cabinet allowed itself to flirt with the Kupat Holim problem for the last two weeks," said committee chairman Gedalya Gal (Labor). "The government's hesitation caused Kupat Holim unnecessary damage."

Gal has asked both Finance Minister Avraham Shohat and Official Receiver Shmuel Tzur to attend today's meeting, with the latter slated to explain what putting Kupat Holim into receivership would mean.

Dan Tichon (Likud) said the Likud would demand the immediate appointment of a receiver at today's meeting.

"They [the cabinet] tell us everything has collapsed, and there is no longer anything to save, but they're nevertheless injecting cash," he said. "Meanwhile, the board of directors has fled, and there isn't even anyone to transfer the funds to. They don't understand that it's already after the twelfth hour."

Batsheva Tsur adds:

Zionist Forum head Natan Sharansky blasted the government's decision to transfer money earmarked for absorption to save the ailing health fund.

"The government is taking from the have-nots. This is not the first time that absorption budgets are being used to cover public deficits with the excuse that fewer olim than were budgeted for arrived," Sharansky said.

He noted that last year, absorption budgets had been funneled to Israel Aircraft Industries. "I wonder whom they will have to save next year," he said.

He called on the government to use the funds instead to solve urgent absorption problems such as employment, housing and education for immigrants.

"Otherwise, we could see the end of aliya," Sharansky said.

Comptroller to inspect Histadrut

EVELYN GORDON

THE Knesset law committee yesterday approved a watered-down version of a bill to subject the Histadrut to inspection by the state comptroller, after the attorney-general ruled that a stronger version of the bill would contradict an international treaty which Israel has signed.

The bill, sponsored by MKs Limor Livnat and David Mena (Likud), will now be sent to the plenum for its first reading.

The formulation originally supported by the committee subjected any "inclusive or national" workers' union, and any organization which such a union was involved in managing, to the comptroller's supervision.

Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair, however, said this would contradict an international treaty on workers' right to organize, which states: "The public authorities shall refrain from any interference which will restrict this right or impede its lawful exercise.

"Because the comptroller's authority is so broad, and is not subject to judicial supervision ... we came to the conclusion that it is not appropriate for a worker's organization [in light of this treaty]," Justice Ministry representative Dan Orenstein told the committee. He explained that according to an international "committee of experts" that has interpreted the treaty, giving a government body unlimited ability to demand information creates a "grave danger" of interference.

Yair Hurvitz, director-general of the State Comptroller's Office, added the fear was particularly well-founded because state comptroller's reports are discussed in the Knesset and form the basis for Knesset decisions. Such decisions relating to the activities of a workers' organization would certainly contradict the treaty, he said.

Several MKs protested Ben-Yair's ruling, noting that the comptroller exercises no binding authority – only moral suasion. However, they ultimately decided they could not pass a law which the attorney-general believed contradicted the treaty. They therefore added a phrase to the bill stating that the comptroller's scrutiny of workers' organizations would be "subject to the international treaties to which Israel is a signatory."

Lifting of MK Vanunu's immunity discussed

DAN IZENBERG

THE Knesset house committee yesterday began considering the request of Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair to lift the parliamentary immunity of Labor MK Yosef Vanunu, so that he can be indicted for bribery.

Committee chairman Haggai Merom convened the meeting in accordance with the Knesset House Rules despite a request by Vanunu for a deferral to give him time to confer with his lawyer.

The House Rules determine that the committee must meet at the first opportunity after a request to lift an MKs' immunity is submitted by the attorney-general. The meeting was closed to reporters at Vanunu's request.

Since Vanunu was not ready for a full-fledged discussion of the allegations, Merom asked Ben Yair to present a general description of them. Ben-Yair will detail the allegations and Vanunu will reply to them at the next committee meeting on the subject, said Merom.

The committee's task is not to decide whether the allegations are true, but whether the attorney-general is making them in good faith.

Vanunu is suspected of buying the support of an opposition councillor when he headed the Kiryat Malachi local council. Vanunu said he would contest Ben-Yair's request to lift his immunity, claiming there was nothing unusual about the arrangement he made with councillor Gabi Aloush.

Soroka Hospital financial status worsens

AMIR ROZENBLIT

SOROKA Hospital in Beersheba, owned by Kupat Holim Clalit, is reeling from the impact of the health fund's financial crisis, and hospital officials are concerned the latest moves to alleviate the situation may not be the solution.

"The decision to transfer NIS 400 million to Kupat Holim makes the situation worse than it was before the decision was made, because now we are in an uncertain situation, where there is no hope. All we will be able to do now is improvise and fill holes. We certainly won't be able to plan anything for the long-term," said hospital director Dr. Haim Reuveni yesterday.

Reuveni said the hospital only has enough medicine for a few days, and noted that while the hospital owes money to suppliers, all payments have been stopped. Only those payments approved by Kupat Holim Clalit's headquarters are being made.

"In urgent situations, we are looking for medicine in the health system, that is, in other hospitals or the health fund's supply authority. In the next few days, we will have to decide about reducing services or closing them down altogether," he said. Reuveni said that if there is no improvement in the situation, hospital officials would have no alternative but to start using supplies earmarked for emergencies.

'Namir doesn't have to have surgery abroad'

JUDY SIEGEL

A LEADING local neurosurgeon insists there is no reason for Labor and Social Affairs Minister Ora Namir to go abroad for the brain surgery she requires, since Israeli doctors could perform the same operation.

"Israeli neurosurgeons know how to perform any operation that the Yugoslav surgeon Prof. Winco Dolenz does, and just as successfully," said Prof. Aharon Beller, who trained most of the country's neurosurgeons at Jerusalem's Hadassah-University Hospital, Ein Kerem.

Beller, who retired nine years ago, was commenting on reports that Namir is going to Switzerland to have a benign brain tumor removed by Prof. Dolenz.

Namir, who has been suffering from headaches and the inability to concentrate in recent weeks, underwent intensive tests and was found to have a non-cancerous growth in her lower brain.

Her doctors at Sheba Hospital reportedly advised her to have the surgery abroad. Hospital officials would neither confirm nor deny the report.

Committee okays final draft of national health insurance bill

DAN IZENBERG

A FIRM majority was finally in place yesterday in the special committee appointed to legislate a national health insurance bill to make possible approval of the final draft of the legislation, to be introduced to the plenum today.

The committee voted 10-7 in favor of the draft, which includes a provision linking implementation of the law to approval of legislation guaranteeing continued funding for the Histadrut.

Committee chairman Amir Peretz will introduce the bill in the plenum today, although the vote on the hundreds of amendments will be held next week.

Representatives of the Labor faction, Meretz, Shas, the National Religious Party, the United Tora Judaism Party, the Democratic Front for Peace and Equality and the Democratic Arab Party voted for the bill.

Representatives of the Likud, Yi'ud and Moledet voted against the bill. They were joined by Sallah Tarif (Labor), who bucked party discipline.

Emmanuel Zissman, another Labor MK, abstained, saying the majority-approved provision contradicted the latest, and therefore binding, decision of the party's central committee.

Despite the creaks in the coalition machinery, the majority in favor of the bill will almost certainly hold in the plenum, thus guaranteeing approval of the first national health insurance bill in the country's history.

The bill will transfer responsibility for medical care from the individual and private health services to the state.

However, it will not take effect until the Knesset approves either a workers organization tax, which would apply only to salaried employees and go to the upkeep of representative unions, or a universal human service tax which would be distributed proportionally to the owners of the health fund.

Likud Party leader Binyamin Netanyahu, who made a rare appearance, described the bill as a "fascist, Bolshevik law."

The Likud representatives warned they would challenge the the linkage provision's legality in the courts.

The wording of the provision leaves open the question of which tax will be legislated to preserve Histadrut funding.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin only wants the human service tax introduced as a last resort, claiming the Histadrut would only use the money to finance its bureaucracy and non-health services.

Dudu Topaz still rules the airwaves

LIAT COLLINS

FEW changes were seen in last months viewing habits compared to previous months according to figures released yesterday by both The Second Television and Radio Authority and the Israel Broadcasting Authority.

Dudu Topaz's Friday night show still heads the rating figures, according to the more detailed figures prepared by Gallup-Israel for The Second Television Authority.

Of all the viewers watching television during the hour Topaz's show was on, 28% were tuned to it. Dan Shilon's two talk shows came in second and third place with 24% and 23%, respectively.

According to the Gallup poll, which shows figures from both the New Channel 2 and ITV's Channel 1, the most viewed Channel 1 broadcast was the coverage of the Histadrut elections.

The IBA's survey, carried out on a smaller sample, show ITV's most popular broadcast was the European Football Cup Final (32:2%).

NEWS IN BRIEF

US general: We learned from past wars

The lessons learned from the Yom Kippur War, the Vietnam War and the deployment of forces in Europe stood the allies in good stead for building the doctrine behind the Gulf War, US Gen. (res.) Donn Starry said Sunday.

Starry, who headed TRADOC (the US Army Training and Doctrine Command) and the Armored Center and School at Fort Knox before his retirement from the US armed forces in 1983, spoke to some 300 senior IDF officers and students of the National Defense College and of the Staff Training College on his Airland Battle Doctrine and the lessons of the Gulf War.

Tel Aviv theater wins in Dundalk

The Tel Aviv Community Theater production of *Sheindele* won two awards and two nominations at the close of the Dundalk International Amateur Theater Festival in Ireland Sunday.

Marc Schoen was cited for best supporting actor, Ofia Kaplan and Dawn Nadel were nominated for best actress and best supporting actress and the production won the Adjudicator's Award for excellence.

Four suspects held for bank robbery

Police yesterday detained four residents of Umm el-Fahm on suspicion of holding up the Bank Hapoalim branch in the Triangle town earlier in the day. Four masked robbers burst into the bank and stole NIS 22,000 in cash after one of them fired a warning shot in the air, then fled in a stolen car.

Libi Classic readies premiere

Libi Classic, the newest project from the IDF's Libi Fund, uses music and dance to raise money to support Libi's ongoing educational projects. The project's inaugural concert will be at the Tel Aviv Conservatory tomorrow.

The concert's centerpiece is the world premiere of *Trio for Piano and Dancers* by local choreographer Domy Reiter-Sofer, with music from the *23 Preludes* by Scriabin.

Court cites GSS over Arab prisoner

The High Court of Justice yesterday issued a show-cause order asking the General Security Service and the police to justify their treatment of an Arab prisoner.

Ahmed A-Tun claimed that he has been deprived of sleep and kept with his hands tied for hours on end, despite the fact that he has kidney and back problems. *Itim*

Man complains of acid shower

Police are investigating complaints by a Jerusalem resident that he was scalded by an acid-chlorine-water mixture in public showers at the Lake Kinneret Hof Ha'on beach on Saturday.

The man was taken for treatment to Poriah Hospital, where a sample of the water from the shower was examined and allegedly found to contain a high per centage of acid and chlorine.

Rabin, Peres meet with Philippine FM

Both Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres yesterday met separately with Philippine Foreign Minister Roberto Romulo, who urged Israel to improve economic links between the two countries. The prime minister called for greater familiarity of Israel's private sector with the Philippine economy, according to a statement issued by the Prime Minister's Office.

The Philippine foreign minister is in the middle of a five-day visit here. He is likely to go on to visit Jordan and Syria.

Channel 1 goes into 'Mundial' mode on June 17

LIAT COLLINS

ITV Channel 1 viewers exposed to the teaser ad "It's coming on June 17" can stop asking "What?" The answer is soccer. Lots of it.

More than 70 matches from the the FIFA 1994 World Cup in the US will be broadcast on Channel 1 and several more will also be shown on IBA's Channel 3.

From June 17 to July 17, ITV schedules go into "Mundial" mode with major changes in broadcasts to allow for the matches.

"We're going to flood every home with soccer," ITV director Yair Stern said yesterday.

Realizing that not every household wants only sports, an entertainment program called "*The World Without Soccer*" will be shown three days a week, between matches. It will be hosted by Yair Lapid and will incorporate coverage of the major entertainment festivals taking place this summer.

Most of the live soccer broadcasts will be aired at 11 p.m. or 2:30 a.m., Stern noted.

The Simpsons return to Channel 1 in the 7:30 p.m. slot, the exact day to be determined. *The Cosby Show* and a David Attenborough nature film series made for the BBC also have that time slot.

Other foreign purchases include: *Lipstick on your Collar*, a six-part series by Dennis Potter (of *Pennies from Heaven* and *The Singing Detective* fame); *Keeping up Appearances*, a BBC comedy; and *Watergate*, a BBC documentary scheduled to be broadcast simultaneously here and in Britain.

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